

# Non-aggregator cabs to get T1 kerbside access at airport

## KSTDC asks 500 cabs to take part in trial run next week

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Commercial vehicles barred from kerbside pickups at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) since December are likely to get some relief in the coming week.

Yellow-board vehicles are now banking on the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) to regain access to the arrival pickup lanes at Terminal 1 (T1).

Under the proposed system, commercial vehicles seeking kerbside pickups will have to book a slot on the KSTDC platform.

Currently, commercial ve-

hicles not affiliated with Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) must wait at designated parking zones — P3 and P4—where they get 15 minutes of free parking. Thereafter, drivers pay Rs 100 for 30 minutes and Rs 50 for every additional hour. Aggregators associated with BIAL, including Ola, Uber, Quick Ride and airport taxis, have separate pickup zones.

These rules apply at both T1 and T2. However, the parking zones for T1 are located farther from the terminal, drawing criticism from passengers over the long walk.

“We discussed this with taxi unions, who told us that private customers continue to demand



Yellow-board vehicles look to KSTDC to regain access to the Terminal 1 arrival pickup lanes. DH FILE

kerbside pickups. Under the new system, a taxi with a confirmed booking can reserve a slot based on the customer's flight details and access the pickup lanes,” a senior KSTDC official told *DH*, adding that software development is underway and trial runs will begin soon.

The KSTDC has sought 500 cabs for the pilot starting next

week, said G Narayanaswamy, president of the Karnataka Chalakara Okkuta.

“After an inspection by Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh earlier this month, all authorities concerned met and arrived at this solution.

“We've been told that access to lanes 2 and 3 will be permitted based on demand,” Narayanaswamy said.

## ‘Unfair pricing’

Fact-checker Mohammed Zubair highlighted pricing differences between airport cab aggregators on X.

He showed a 31-km trip cost Rs 2,384 on Uber XL, Rs 1,187 on Namma Yatri. “Ola and Uber have dedicated zones, but Namma Yatri users walk to the parking lot,” he wrote.

Other passengers have noticed similar price differences since the new rules. An Uber XL to MG Road cost Rs 2,022 and Rapido Rs 1,707.

A BIAL spokesperson said the airport operator, in collaboration with KSTDC, plans to introduce a “structured and digitised framework” to allow commercial cabs outside its authorised network to access pickup lanes at T1.



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## **BENGALURU**

### **Passenger held at B'luru airport with hydroponic ganja**

Customs officials on Friday said they arrested a passenger at Kempegowda International Airport on Friday after he arrived from Bangkok carrying hydroponic ganja worth Rs 70.35 lakh.

The passenger's identity has not been disclosed. "In the early hours of January 23, officers at Kempegowda International Airport's Terminal 2 intercepted a passenger arriving from Bangkok and seized 2.01 kg of hydroponic ganja, valued at Rs 70.35 lakh," Bengaluru Customs said in a post on 'X'. The passenger has been arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Further investigation is underway.



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## Flights resume at airport in Srinagar

*Srinagar:* Flight operations resumed at the Srinagar airport on Saturday after remaining suspended for a day due to heavy snowfall, officials said.

The Airports Authority of India, in coordination with BRO, cleared the apron and taxiways on Saturday morning to make the runway functional after an improvement in the weather.

A major snowfall in Kashmir on Friday forced the cancellation of flight operations at the airport as snow accumulated on the runway. "The flight operations have resumed at the airport as a flight has just landed at the aerodrome," officials at the Srinagar Airport said.

Meanwhile, CPI(M) leader and the MLA of Kulgam, M Y Tarigami, on Saturday urged the Jammu and Kashmir government to assess the damage caused by strong winds in the Kashmir Valley and provide adequate compensation to the affected people. In a statement, he said strong winds followed by snowfall in many parts of the valley damaged roofs and power infrastructure. PTI



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# इंडिगो ने हवाई अड्डों पर 717 'स्लाट' खाली किए

मुंबई, 24 जनवरी (भाषा)।

देश की सबसे बड़ी एअरलाइन 'इंडिगो' ने विभिन्न घरेलू हवाई अड्डों पर 700 से अधिक 'स्लाट' खाली कर दिए हैं। दिसंबर की शुरुआत में परिचालन में भारी व्यवधान को देखते हुए नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने एअरलाइन की सर्दियों की उड़ानों में 10 फीसद की कटौती कर दी थी, जिसके बाद कंपनी ने यह कदम उठाया। सूत्रों ने यह जानकारी दी।

हवाई अड्डे पर किसी विमान के उड़ान भरने और उतरने के लिए दिए गए निश्चित समय को 'स्लाट' कहा जाता है। सूत्रों ने बताया कि खाली किए गए कुल 717 'स्लाट' में से 364 दिल्ली, मुंबई, चेन्नई, कोलकाता, बंगलुरु और हैदराबाद जैसे छह प्रमुख मेट्रो हवाई अड्डों के हैं। इनमें सबसे

अधिक 'स्लाट' हैदराबाद और बंगलुरु के हैं। आंकड़ों के अनुसार, ये 'स्लाट' जनवरी से मार्च की अवधि के लिए खाली किए गए हैं। इस घटनाक्रम के बीच, नागर विमानन मंत्रालय ने गुरुवार को अन्य एअरलाइनों से इंडिगो द्वारा खाली किए गए इन 'स्लाट' पर घरेलू उड़ानें संचालित करने के लिए आवेदन मांगे हैं। 'इंडिगो' ने मंत्रालय को 717 'स्लाट' की सूची सौंपी है। पिछले साल दिसंबर में शीतकालीन उड़ानों के समय में 10 फीसद की कटौती के बाद इन्हें खाली किया गया है। डीजीसीए ने यह निर्देश अंतिम समय में उड़ानों के रद्द होने को रोकने और परिचालन स्थिरता सुनिश्चित करने के उद्देश्य से दिया था। इंडिगो को 2025-26 के शीतकालीन कार्यक्रम के तहत प्रतिदिन 2,144 उड़ानों के संचालन की अनुमति थी, जो 10 फीसद की कटौती के बाद घटकर 1,930 रह गई है।

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## इंडिगो ने 16 एयरपोर्ट्स पर 717 फ्लाइट स्लॉट्स छोड़े

मुंबई में 236 और दिल्ली में 150 उड़ानें कम हुईं, कोहरे के कारण DGCA ने दिया था आदेश

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्या। अगले कुछ दिनों में अगर आप इंडिगो से कहीं जाने का प्लान कर रहे हैं तो आपको फ्लाइट के ऑप्शन कम मिलेंगे। क्योंकि, देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन इंडिगो ने भारत के अलग-अलग डोमेस्टिक एयरपोर्ट्स पर अपने 717 स्लॉट्स सरेंडर कर दिए हैं।

यह कदम डायरेक्टोरेट जनरल ऑफ सिविल एविएशन (DGCA) के उस फैसले के बाद उठाया गया है, जिसमें ऑपरेशनल दिक्कतों और सर्दियों में कोहरे के कारण होने वाली देरी को देखते हुए इंडिगो के विंटर शेड्यूल में कटौती की गई थी। एविएशन मिनिस्ट्री ने संसद में यह डेटा शेयर किया है।

● मुंबई और दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट

पर सबसे ज्यादा असर: इंडिगो ने कुल 16 एयरपोर्ट्स पर अपने स्लॉट्स छोड़े हैं। इसमें सबसे ज्यादा 236 स्लॉट्स मुंबई एयरपोर्ट पर कम हुए

### इंडिगो ने कहा- नियमों का पूरी तरह पालन कर रहे हैं

- स्लॉट्स सरेंडर करने पर इंडिगो के प्रवक्ता ने कहा, "हमने रेगुलेटर्स के सभी निर्देशों का पालन किया है और सलाह के अनुसार स्लॉट्स सरेंडर कर दिए हैं।" एयरलाइन ने यह भी कहा कि वे एयरपोर्ट ऑपरेटर्स और एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल के साथ मिलकर काम कर रहे हैं, ताकि उपलब्ध स्लॉट्स का सही इस्तेमाल हो सके और ऑपरेशंस सुचारू रूप से चलें।
- बाजार की हिस्सेदारी और चुनौतियाँ: इंडिगो के पास भारतीय घरेलू बाजार का 60% से ज्यादा हिस्सा है। हालांकि, पिछले कुछ समय से एयरलाइन ऑपरेशनल चुनौतियों का सामना कर रही है। इसमें कू (स्टाफ) की कमी, सप्लाय चैन की समस्याओं के कारण कुछ विमानों का जमीन पर खड़ा होना (ग्राउंडिंग) और मौसम के कारण होने वाली बाधाएं शामिल हैं। इन चुनौतियों के बीच DGCA के इस सख्त कदम को यात्रियों के हित में देखा जा रहा है।

● इसके बाद दिल्ली का नंबर आता है, जहां 150 स्लॉट्स सरेंडर किए गए हैं। बेंगलुरु में 84, हैदराबाद में 68 और पुणे में 48 स्लॉट्स छोड़े गए हैं। मंत्रालय के मुताबिक, गोवा, अहमदाबाद, चेन्नई,

साथ-साथ श्रीनगर, पटना, रांची और रायपुर जैसे छोटे एयरपोर्ट्स पर भी फ्लाइट्स कम हुई हैं।

● कोहरा और उड़ानों में देरी की वजह से शेड्यूल में कटौती: DGCA ने इंडिगो के विंटर शेड्यूल में कटौती का फैसला

कोलकाता और जयपुर जैसे बड़े शहरों के

वाले घने कोहरे को

सर्दियों के दौरान उत्तर भारत में छाने



# इंडिगो ने घरेलू हवाई अड्डों पर खाली किए 717 'स्लॉट'

■ विमानन मंत्रालय ने अन्य एयरलाइनों से मांगे आवेदन

■ 364 खाली किए गए स्लॉट 6 मेट्रो शहरों के

मुम्बई, 24 जनवरी (एजेंसी) : देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन 'इंडिगो' ने विभिन्न घरेलू हवाई अड्डों पर 717 'स्लॉट' खाली कर दिए हैं। दिसम्बर की शुरुआत में परिचालन में भारी व्यवधान को देखते हुए नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने एयरलाइन की सर्दियों की उड़ानों में 10 प्रतिशत की कटौती कर दी थी, जिसके बाद कंपनी ने यह कदम उठाया। सूत्रों ने यह जानकारी दी।

हवाई अड्डे पर किसी विमान के उड़ान भरने और उतरने के लिए दिए गए निश्चित समय को "स्लॉट" कहा जाता है। सूत्रों ने बताया कि

इंडिगो को प्रतिदिन 1930 उड़ानों की है अनुमति

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खाली किए गए कुल 717 'स्लॉट' में से 364 दिल्ली, मुम्बई, चेन्नई, कोलकाता, बंगलुरु और हैदराबाद जैसे छह प्रमुख मेट्रो हवाई अड्डों के हैं। इनमें सबसे अधिक 'स्लॉट' हैदराबाद और बंगलुरु के हैं। आंकड़ों के अनुसार, ये 'स्लॉट' जनवरी से मार्च की अवधि के लिए खाली किए गए हैं। इस बीच, नागर विमानन (शेष पृष्ठ 9 कालम 3 पर)

इंडिगो ने घरेलू...

मंत्रालय ने वीरवार को अन्य एयरलाइनों से इंडिगो द्वारा खाली किए गए इन 'स्लॉट' पर घरेलू उड़ानें संचालित करने के लिए आवेदन मांगे हैं। एक सूत्र ने कहा, 'इंडिगो ने मंत्रालय को 717 'स्लॉट' की सूची सौंपी है। पिछले साल दिसम्बर में शीतकालीन उड़ानों के समय में 10 प्रतिशत की कटौती के बाद इन्हें खाली किया गया है।' डीजीसीए ने यह निर्देश अंतिम समय में उड़ानों के रद्द होने को रोकने और परिचालन स्थिरता सुनिश्चित करने के उद्देश्य से दिया था।

# Bullet found in flyer's bag at RGIA; cops register case

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Hyderabad:** Airport police registered a case under the Arms Act after a live bullet was found in the checked-in baggage of a passenger at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) on Friday.

The passenger, Nathuram, a real estate businessman and farmer from Uttar Pradesh, was travelling from Tirupati to Delhi via Hyderabad. While he was boarding his connecting flight to Delhi, airport security personnel at the Hyderabad airport detected a live round during baggage screening and alerted the airport police.

Police officials said Nathuram holds a valid firearm licence, which was verified.

Nathuram told investigators that he was unaware the bullet had remained in his bag, having accidentally slipped under the soft lining at the bottom of the luggage beneath his clothes.

Airport inspector S Kanaikaiah said a case was registered under the Arms Act and the passenger was issued a notice as per procedure.

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## विमानन क्षेत्र में भारत की क्षमता को दुनिया ने स्वीकारा डब्ल्यूईएफ : नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री ने ड्रोन नियम के नीतिगत ढांचों, मेडिकल सेवाओं पर रखी बात

दावोस। दावोस में आयोजित विश्व आर्थिक मंच (डब्ल्यूईएफ) 2026 में कई उच्च स्तरीय बैठकों, रणनीतिक सम्मेलनों और बहुपक्षीय वार्ताओं में नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राम मोहन नायडू ने भाग लिया।

इसमें वैश्विक नेताओं ने विमानन, अवसंरचना, स्थिरता, नवाचार और वैश्विक आर्थिक सहयोग में भारत के बढ़ते नेतृत्व की पुष्टि की। नायडू ने स्वायत्त गतिशीलता को प्रोत्साहन सत्र में ड्रोन नियम के नीतिगत ढांचों, दूरस्थ क्षेत्रों में मेडिकल सेवाओं समेत कई मामलों में भारत की तैयारियों पर भारत के सुनियोजित दृष्टिकोण की रूपरेखा रखी। एजेंसी



डब्ल्यूईएफ सम्मेलन में वैश्विक नेताओं के साथ चर्चा करते राम मोहन नायडू। एजेंसी

जलवायु डाटा की भूमिका पर जोर : वैश्विक सहयोग को और मजबूत करते हुए राम मोहन नायडू ने विश्व मौसम विज्ञान संगठन (डब्ल्यूएमओ) की महासचिव सेलेस्टे साउलो से मुलाकात की और विमानन सुरक्षा, लचीलापन और टिकाऊ संचालन को बढ़ाने पर गहन बातचीत की।

### विमानन व ऊर्जा में अवसर तलाशें

राम मोहन नायडू ने प्रगति समूह, स्फिल्डएआई और इंडियन ऑयल कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड के साथ कई उपयोगी द्विपक्षीय बैठकें कीं। इनमें विमानन, अवसंरचना और ऊर्जा क्षेत्रों में सहयोग के अवसरों का पता लगाया गया। उन्होंने कहा, डब्ल्यूईएफ मंच वैश्विक हितधारकों के साथ जुड़ने और वैश्विक आर्थिक अनिश्चितता के बीच भारत के लिए साझेदारी को मजबूत करने का एक महत्वपूर्ण अवसर प्रदान करता है।

■ **भारत-ईयू सहयोग पर चर्चा** : नायडू ने यूरोपीय संघ (ईयू) के परिवहन आयुक्त अपोस्टोलोस त्जिज्जिक्वोस्टास के साथ परिवहन एक महत्वपूर्ण राजनयिक बैठक में पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र में स्थिरता, नवाचार और भारत-ईयू सहयोग पर चर्चा की।

■ **एसएफए पर भारत का दृष्टिकोण साझा किया** : एयरपोर्ट ऑफ टूरो मो सत्र में, राम मोहन नायडू ने सतत विमानन ईंधन (एसएफए) पर भारत का दृष्टिकोण साझा किया। इसमें उत्पादन बढ़ाने, लागत को संतुलित करने में तेजी लाने के लिए सरकारों और उद्योग के बीच समन्वय बढ़ाने पर अपनी बात रखी।



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AMAR UJALA

DELHI

25 JANUARY 2026

## एयर इंडिया की न्यूयॉर्क-नेवार्क की उड़ानें रद्द

नई दिल्ली। एयर इंडिया ने शनिवार को घोषणा की कि उसने न्यूयॉर्क और न्यूजर्सी के नेवार्क से आने-जाने वाली सभी उड़ानें रविवार और सोमवार के लिए रद्द कर दी हैं। शीतकालीन तूफान फर्न ने अमेरिकी हवाई यात्रा को बाधित कर दिया है, जिसके चलते एयरलाइंस को उड़ानें रद्द करनी पड़ी हैं। साथ ही देरी की चेतावनी भी देनी पड़ी है। यहां बर्फ, हिमपात और तेज हवाएं देश के दक्षिणी, पूर्वी और मध्य भागों में स्थित प्रमुख हवाई अड्डों और क्षेत्रीय हवाई अड्डों पर कहर बरपा रही हैं।

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BUSINESS LINE

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24 JANUARY 2026

## Few takers for airport slots vacated by IndiGo after turmoil

**HANDICAPPED.** Carriers are constrained by aircraft availability, crew shortage

**Rohit Vaid**  
New Delhi

Airlines are being offered airport slots at key stations such as Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Lucknow following the government's move to redistribute slots vacated by IndiGo after its December flight cancellations.

Industry sources said select slots are also being made available on Delhi-Mumbai services.

However, only one airline has expressed interest in a few slots. Most carriers are constrained by limited aircraft availability and crew resources.

On Thursday, the Ministry of Civil Aviation held a meeting with representatives of airlines to outline the process and conditions for the redistribution of vacated slots.

As per an official document, airlines have been asked to submit their slot requests and their operational readiness.

The document stated that airlines seeking the slots will need to demonstrate availability of aircraft, flying and



**FLIGHT SLOTS.** Airlines have been asked to submit their slot requests and operational readiness

cabin crew as also other operational resources to ensure that the allocated slots are effectively utilised.

Besides, the Ministry indicated that airlines should not cancel or curtail existing services to deploy in the newly allotted slots.

### VACATED SLOTS

The vacated slots will be examined for a final view by a 'Slot Coordination Committee' constituted by the Ministry. The Ministry has

**Goal is to ensure the optimal use of airport infrastructure amid capacity constraints at major airports**

mentioned that any slots allocated but not utilised as per the stated plan can be withdrawn and reassigned.

"The goal is to ensure optimal use of airport infra-

structure amid capacity constraints at major airports," sources said.

The Centre had directed IndiGo to reduce its flight schedule by 10 per cent across sectors to stabilise operations and curb cancellations. The airline was also asked to avoid high-frequency routes and single-flight sectors, leading IndiGo to lower its capacity.

Its operations are currently limited to 1,860-1,900 domestic flights daily.



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DELHI

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## एयर इंडिया ने न्यूयार्क, नेवार्क की सभी उड़ानें रद्द कीं



नई दिल्ली।  
टाटा समूह की  
विमान सेवा

कंपनी एयर इंडिया ने अमेरिका में भारी हिमपात की चेतावनी के बाद 25 और 26 जनवरी को न्यूयॉर्क और नेवार्क जाने वाली या वहां से आने वाली अपनी सभी उड़ानें रद्द कर दी हैं। एयरलाइंस ने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म एक्स पर इसकी घोषणा की।

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RS DAINIK JAGRAN

DELHI

25 JANUARY 2026

## यात्री ने विमान का आपातकालीन फ्लैप स्विच खोला

जासं, जयपुर : कोलकाता से जयपुर आ रहे इंडिगो एयरलाइंस के विमान में एक यात्री ने उड़ान के दौरान आपातकालीन फ्लैप स्विच खोल दिया। मालूम हो कि यह एक उपकरण है, जिसका उपयोग विमान के पंखों के पीछे लगे फ्लैप्स को ऊपर या नीचे करने के लिए किया जाता है। जैसे ही स्विच खुला तो विमान के भीतर तेज आपातकालीन अलार्म बजने लगा। अचानक हुए इस घटनाक्रम से विमान में सवार यात्रियों में अफरा-तफरी मच गई। अलार्म बजते ही पायलट ने हालात को नियंत्रण में लेते हुए टीम को सतर्क किया।

यह घटना शुक्रवार रात की है। रात सवा ग्यारह बजे विमान जैसे ही जयपुर अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर उतरा तो सुरक्षा एजेंसियों ने चेतन नामक यात्री को हिरासत में लिया। एवन हेलिकाप्टर प्राइवेट लिमिटेड के निदेशक सोहन सिंह ने बताया कि फ्लैप स्विच अलग-अलग विमान के हिसाब से काकपिट में या बाहर हो सकता है।

● NEARLY 10,000 FLIGHTS AFFECTED SO FAR

## Winter storm forces Air India to cancel US east coast flights

AGENCIES  
January 24

**AIR INDIA HAS** cancelled its flights to New York and Newark for January 25-26 due to severe winter storm forecast in the US east coast.

The airline operates daily flights from Delhi and Mumbai to New York. There are daily flights from Delhi to Newark also while services between Mumbai and Newark are operated on certain days of the week. Air India on Saturday said a severe winter storm with heavy snow is forecast for New York, New Jersey and adjoining areas in the US east coast from early Sunday morning to Monday, which will have a significant impact on flight operations.

So far, almost 10,000 flights across the country set to take off over the weekend have been canceled as major



A maintenance worker clears snow from a bus stop as winter storm Fern hits Oklahoma City in US on Friday

winter storm bears down across much of the US. "In view of the safety, well-being and convenience of our passengers and crew, all Air India flights to and from New York and Newark have been cancelled on 25 and 26 January," the airline said in a post on X.

On Saturday, Delta Air

Lines said it made additional flight cancellations for Atlanta and along the US East Coast, including at its hubs in Boston and New York, as it continued to adjust schedules due to winter storm Fern.

Ice accumulation is expected to affect Atlanta on Sunday, along with significant

snowfall in the Northeast beginning Sunday afternoon, the airline said.

The airline said customers should expect flight cancellations across the Ohio and Tennessee Valleys, including Nashville and Raleigh-Durham, as the storm threatens to disrupt weekend travel.

Delta canceled flights at several airports in five states on Thursday, warning that slow operations could trigger more delays and cancellations, and complicate rebooking during one of the busiest winter travel periods.

The National Weather Service warned that a mix of freezing rain, sleet and snow could make travel hazardous and cause power outages and tree damage across the Southeast, with heavier snowfall expected farther north as the storm moves up the country.



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MUMBAI

24 JANUARY 2026

## Bomb threat delays flight

**Ankit Shukla**

PUNE

An IndiGo aircraft operating flight 6E 2608 from Delhi to Pune received a bomb threat after its arrival at Pune Airport on Wednesday night, triggering heightened security measures.

The flight was scheduled to land at 8.40pm, touched down at 9.24pm and was parked at Bay No. 3 by 9.27pm. Soon after, Air Traffic Control informed Apron Control about the bomb threat.

Santosh Dhoke, Managing Director of Pune Airport, said that acting on the threat, the aircraft was shifted to the isolation bay as a precautionary measure. Apron Control immediately alerted all concerned agencies, following which the Bomb Threat Assessment Committee was convened.

A comprehensive security inspection was carried out by the Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad. No suspicious objects or threats were found during the checks. After completion of all security protocols, the aircraft was declared safe and cleared for normal operations.

Airport authorities said the situation was managed swiftly and efficiently, with no further incidents reported.



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## एयर इंडिया ने न्यूयॉर्क जाने

### वाली फ्लाइट कैंसिल की

ग्रीष्म तूफान के कारण एयर इंडिया ने 25 और 26 जनवरी को न्यूयॉर्क और नेवार्क से आने-जाने वाली अपनी सभी उड़ानें रद्द कर दी हैं। एयरलाइन ने कहा कि रविवार की सुबह से सोमवार तक न्यूयॉर्क, न्यू जर्सी और आसपास के क्षेत्रों में भारी बर्फबारी होने की संभावना है, जिससे उड़ान संचालन में दिक्कत हो सकती है। एयर इंडिया ने यात्रियों को अपनी उड़ानों की स्थिति की जांच करने और जरूरत पड़ने पर टिकट कैंसिल करने यह शिफ्ट करने जैसे दूसरे तरीकों पर विचार करने की सलाह दी है। वहीं, अमेरिका के 18 राज्यों में आपातकाल घोषित किया गया है इनमें अलाबामा, अर्कांसस, डेलावेयर, जॉर्जिया, कंसास, केंटकी, लुइसियाना, मैरीलैंड, मिसिसिपी, मिसौरी, न्यूयॉर्क, नॉर्थ कैरोलिना, पेंसिल्वेनिया, साउथ कैरोलिना, टेनेसी, टेक्सास, वर्जीनिया शामिल हैं।



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HINDUSTAN TIMES

DELHI

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# Western airlines halt flights over Iran crisis

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**PARIS:** Several European airlines have suspended flights to and over countries in the Middle East as tensions between the US and Iran raise concerns of wider disruption across the Persian Gulf.

Air France cancelled flights between Paris and Dubai on Friday and Saturday, temporarily suspending service to the emirate "due to the current situation in the Middle East," the airline

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### WEST ASIA FLIGHTS

said in a statement.

KLM also halted flights to Dubai, Riyadh and Dammam in Saudi Arabia and Tel Aviv until further notice. It said in a statement that as a precaution, it is currently avoiding airspace over several Gulf countries, as well as Iran, Iraq and Israel.

The cancellations underscore how quickly geopolitical tensions can spill over into civil aviation. The disruption followed comments from President Donald Trump that the US has deployed naval assets to the Middle East, renewing concerns he may follow through on threats to attack Iran over the government's violent crack-

down on protesters.

Several flights to Dubai operated by Luxembourg flag carrier Luxair, British Airways and Dutch low-cost carrier Transavia were also canceled over the weekend, according to the Dubai International Airport website and data from flight tracking site Flightradar24.

Deutsche Lufthansa AG said it canceled its Tehran flights till March 28 and will operate routes to and from Tel Aviv and Amman, Jordan during the daytime till the end of the month.

British Airways earlier this month temporarily halted flights to Bahrain, home to the US Navy's Fifth Fleet.

Several European and American carriers had paused operations to Gulf countries in June, before Iran fired missiles at a base in Qatar. The missile strikes forced Qatar and surrounding countries to close their airspace, causing widespread disruption for international airlines.



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## Air India cancels NY, Newark flights amid US winter storm

**NEW DELHI:** Air India on Saturday said it has cancelled all its flights to the US east coast for the next two days amid the forecast of a massive winter storm with heavy snowfall.

In a passenger advisory, the airline, which is the sole Indian air operator flying to the US directly from India, said

that the cancellations were in view of the safety, well-being and convenience of its passengers and crew. A massive winter storm has swept across the US, impacting airline operations, with thousands of flights already been cancelled in view of the storm forecast.

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### AIR INDIA FLIGHTS

“In view of the safety, well-being and convenience of our passengers and crew, all Air India flights to and from New York and Newark have been cancelled on January 25 and 26,” Air India said in its advisory on X.



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### Air India cancels flights to New York and Newark

#### Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI

Air India has cancelled its flights to New York and Newark for January 25 and 26 due to a severe winter storm forecast in the U.S. East Coast.

The airline operates daily flights from Delhi and Mumbai to New York. There are daily flights from Delhi to Newark, while services between Mumbai and Newark are operated on certain days of the week.

#### **Severe winter storm**

Air India on Saturday said a severe winter storm with heavy snow is forecast for New York, New Jersey and adjoining areas on the U.S. East Coast from early Sunday morning to Monday, which will have a significant impact on flight operations.

## रायपुर—दिल्ली फ्लाइट 26 जनवरी तक रहेगी कैंसिल

- गणतंत्र दिवस की सुरक्षा को लेकर असर

रायपुर, लोकसत्य।

गणतंत्र दिवस को लेकर राजधानी दिल्ली में सुरक्षा व्यवस्था कड़ी कर दी गई है। इसका सीधा असर हवाई सेवाओं पर पड़ा है। एयर इंडिया ने रायपुर से दिल्ली और दिल्ली से रायपुर जाने वाली अपनी नियमित उड़ानों को 26 जनवरी तक अस्थायी रूप से रद्द कर दिया है।

एयरलाइन के मुताबिक, दिल्ली के एयर स्पेस में अतिरिक्त सुरक्षा प्रतिबंध लगाए गए हैं। इसी वजह से उड़ानों के संचालन में बदलाव किया गया है। रद्द की गई उड़ानों में रायपुर से सुबह उड़ान भरने वाली फ्लाइट AI 1718 भी शामिल है। इस फैसले से उन यात्रियों को परेशानी हो सकती है, जिन्होंने पहले से टिकट बुक करा रखी थी। एयर इंडिया और एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन ने यात्रियों से कहा



है कि वे यात्रा पर निकलने से पहले अपनी फ्लाइट की स्थिति जरूर जांच लें।

### यात्रियों को मिलेगा रिफंड और वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था

एयर इंडिया ने बताया है कि जिन यात्रियों की उड़ान रद्द हुई है, उन्हें पूरा रिफंड दिया जाएगा। इसके अलावा, चाहने पर उन्हें दूसरी उपलब्ध फ्लाइट में सीट भी दी जा सकती है।

सुरक्षा एजेंसियों का कहना है कि यह व्यवस्था केवल गणतंत्र दिवस तक के लिए है। समारोह खत्म होने के बाद उड़ानों का संचालन सामान्य हो जाएगा। यात्रियों को सलाह दी गई है कि वे एयर इंडिया की वेबसाइट या हेल्पलाइन से ताजा जानकारी लेकर ही एयरपोर्ट जाएं।

## AWAITS CERTAIN FAA APPROVALS

# Air India to operate its new Dreamliner with limitations

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

**NEW DELHI:** Air India will operate its new Boeing 787-9 aircraft with certain limitations as the Tata Group-owned airline is awaiting approvals from the US watchdog FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) for the sliding privacy doors in the plane's business class suites and for 18 economy class seats, sources said.

The aircraft, also the first custom-made Dreamliner to join the Air India fleet, will enter commercial operations on the Mumbai-Frankfurt route from February 1. The plane has 296 seats, comprising 30 business class, 28 premium economy and 238 economy class seats. Out of them, 18 economy class seats will not be available for use till the FAA give its approval, the sources said.

An airline spokesperson said the new B787-9 will enter commercial operations on February 1 with certain limitations.

"The sliding privacy doors in our business class suites will remain securely fixed in the open position and unavailable for passenger use, as this specific seat feature awaits regulatory approval. We expect to receive the necessary approval in the near future. All other seat features are available for passenger use," the spokesperson said.

Separately, a total of 18 specific economy class seats are blocked from sale and are also physically blocked from use.



**The plane has 296 seats, comprising 30 business class, 28 premium economy and 238 economy class seats**

"The seat product itself (RECARO 3710) is fully certified and in regular operation on many airlines worldwide; however, there is a regulatory interpretation affecting the 18 specific seats that we are working with the manufacturer and regulator to resolve.

"The 18 specific seats will only be offered for sale once full certification is received," the spokesperson said.

In 2026, five more wide-body aircraft — three Boeing 787-9s and 2 A350-1000s — are set to join the Air India fleet. The airline, currently, has 188 planes, and the legacy Boeing 787s are undergoing retrofit progressively. According to the spokesperson, the product limi-

tations due to pending certification apply only to the new B787-9 aircraft, and not to the retrofitted B787-8 planes.

These are two different variants, and their interior fitout undergoes a separate certification process. The certifications for seats and features on the B787-8 are complete and have been approved by relevant regulators and will be available for customer use, the spokesperson added.

The sources also said that some global airlines are awaiting certain regulatory approvals for their business class seats. These include Lufthansa, which is awaiting regulatory certification nod for some of the business class seats in their new Boeing 787-9 aircraft, they added.

At present, Air India has 33 Boeing 787s — 26 legacy Boeing 787-8s and 7 Boeing 787-9s, including 6 from Vistara and the new one.

In 2025, Boeing delivered 14 Boeing 787s to various airlines, including 12 Boeing 787-9s.



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MILLANIUM POST

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# IndiGo vacated 717 slots at domestic airports after DGCA curtailed winter flights

*Out of the 717 slots, as many as 364 are from six key metro airports — Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Hyderabad*

**MUMBAI:** IndiGo has vacated more than 700 slots at various domestic airports, following aviation watchdog DGCA curtailing the country's largest airline's winter flights by 10 per cent after massive operational disruptions in early December, according to sources.

Generally, slots refer to a particular time period given to an airline for takeoff and landing of aircraft. In simple terms, it is about operating flights at the given time.

Out of the 717 slots, as many as 364 are from six key metro airports — Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Hyderabad.

Among these cities, most of the vacated slots are from Hyderabad and Bengaluru, the sources said.

As per data provided by the sources, the number of slots vacated by IndiGo is spread over the January-March period. A total of 361 slots have been vacated for March compared

to just 43 for February, and this month, the count of vacated slots is at 361.

Against this backdrop, the civil aviation ministry on Thursday asked other airlines to submit their requests for operating domestic flights on the slots vacated by IndiGo.

"IndiGo has submitted a list of 717 slots to the ministry, which it has vacated after the domestic winter schedule was reduced by 10 per cent in early December last year," one of the

### CLOSER LOOK

- » IndiGo, which generally operates over 2,200 flights daily, has trimmed the number following DGCA directive
- » A 10 per cent reduction has brought this down to 1,930 domestic flights per day
- » As per data provided by the sources, the number of slots vacated by IndiGo is spread over the Jan-March period

sources said.

The airline, which generally operates more than 2,200 flights daily, has trimmed the number

of services following the directive from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) that was aimed at preventing

last-minute cancellations and ensuring operational stability.

As part of its winter schedule for 2025-26, IndiGo was allowed to operate 15,014 flights per week, which comes to 2,144 flights per day.

A 10 per cent reduction has brought this down to 1,930 domestic flights per day. It may be noted here that IndiGo, in its summer schedule, operated on an average of 2,022 flights a day.

Between December 3 and 5 last year, IndiGo cancelled

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## **Air India cancels flights to New York and Newark due to US winter storm**

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■ New Delhi

Air India has cancelled its flights to New York and Newark for January 25-26 due to severe winter storm forecast in the US East Coast.

The airline operates daily flights from Delhi and Mumbai to New York.

There are daily flights from Delhi to Newark also while services between Mumbai and Newark are operated on certain days of the week.

Air India on Saturday said a severe winter storm with heavy snow is forecast for New York, New Jersey and adjoining areas in the US East Coast from early Sunday morning to Monday, which will have a significant impact on flight operations.

"In view of the safety, well-being and convenience of our passengers and crew, all Air India flights to and from New York and Newark have been cancelled on 25 and 26 January," the airline said in a post on X.

More than 8,000 flights across the US set to take off over the weekend have been cancelled as a major storm expected to wreak havoc across much of the country bears down, threatening to knock out power for days and snarl major roadways.

Roughly 140 million people were under a winter storm warning from New Mexico to New England. The National Weather Service forecast warns of widespread heavy snow and a band of catastrophic ice stretching from east Texas to North Carolina.

# IndiGo vacates 717 slots amid DGCA winter curbs

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IndiGo has vacated 717 slots at various domestic airports including Delhi, Bengaluru and Mumbai. The move follows a 10 per cent reduction in IndiGo's winter flight schedule, ordered by regulatory watchdog Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), after severe operational disruptions in early December that affected thousands of passengers. Slots is a specific time period allocated to an airline for takeoff and landing.

Out of the 717 slots, as many as 364 are from six key metro airports — Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Among these cities, most of the vacated slots are from Hyderabad and Bengaluru, the sources said.

Meanwhile, Airlines are unlikely to take the Government proposal to operate flights using 700 slots surrendered by IndiGo, as

this offer may be only for one month. The airlines said that such a short period makes it unviable for carriers to start a new route and make it commercially viable. As per data provided by the sources, the number of slots vacated by IndiGo is spread over the January-March period. A total of 361 slots have been vacated for March compared to just 43 for February, and this month, the count of vacated slots is at 361.

Against this backdrop, the civil aviation ministry on Thursday asked other airlines to submit their requests for operating domestic flights on the slots vacated by IndiGo.

"IndiGo has submitted a list of 717 slots to the ministry, which it has vacated after the domestic winter schedule was reduced by 10 per cent in early December last year," one of the sources said.

The airline, which generally operates more than 2,200 flights daily, has trimmed the number of ser-



vices following the directive from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) that was aimed at preventing last-minute cancellations and ensuring operational stability.

As part of its winter schedule for 2025-26, IndiGo was allowed to operate 15,014 flights per week, which comes to 2,144 flights per day. A 10 per cent reduction has brought this down to 1,930 domestic flights per day. It may be noted here that IndiGo, in its summer sched-

ule, operated on an average of 2,022 flights a day.

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In its communication sent out to airlines on Thursday, the ministry said the commitment on redistribution of the vacated IndiGo slots held its first meeting on January 13, wherein the process and principles for redistribution were discussed. Following the deliberations, the panel has now asked airlines to submit their requests and preferences for the vacated slots, subject to various conditions, it added.

As per the communication, the airlines have to send their requests for the vacated slots to the airport operators concerned and the final decision on the redistribution of the slots. Among other conditions, the interested airlines should not discontinue their existing routes to utilise the vacated slots.

On January 17, DGCA announced slapping fines totalling ₹22.20 crore for the December flight disruptions and had also warned CEO Pieter Elbers and two other senior executives for the lapses. It also directed the airline to furnish a ₹50 crore bank guarantee to ensure long-term systemic corrections.

The watchdog, on January 20, said the disruptions stemmed from mismanagement of adequate flight crew, inadequate regulatory preparedness at the operator level, and shortcomings in system software support, management structure, and operational control.

# 8,000 flights cancelled as major winter storm bears down across much of US

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Dallas

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Roughly 140 million people were under a winter storm warning from New Mexico to New England. The National Weather Service forecast warns of widespread heavy snow and a band of catastrophic ice stretching from east Texas to North Carolina. Forecasters warned that damage, especially in areas pounded by ice, could rival that of a hurricane. By Friday night, the edge of the storm was sending freezing rain and sleet into parts of Texas while snow and sleet



were falling in Oklahoma. After sweeping through the South, the storm was expected to move into the Northeast, dumping about a foot (30 centimeters) of snow from Washington through New York and Boston, the weather service predicted. Governors in

more than a dozen States sounded the alarm about the turbulent weather ahead, declaring emergencies or urging people to stay home. Texas Governor Greg Abbott told residents on the social media platform X that the state Department of Transportation

was pretreating the roads and told residents, "Stay home if possible."

More than 3,400 flights were delayed or cancelled Saturday, according to the flight tracking website FlightAware. More than 5,000 were called off for Sunday.

Angela Exstrom was supposed to fly back to Omaha, Nebraska, from a trip in Mexico, but she learned her Saturday flight out of Houston had been cancelled. So instead, she is going back via Los Angeles. "If you live in the Midwest and travel in the winter, stuff can happen," she said. Frigid temperatures and ice. Utility companies braced for power outages because ice-coated trees and power lines can keep falling long after a storm has passed.

The Midwest saw wind chills as low as minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 40 Celsius), meaning that frostbite could set

in within 10 minutes.

In Bismarck, North Dakota, where the wind chill was minus 41 (minus 41 Celsius), Colin Cross was bundled up Friday in long johns, two long-sleeve shirts, a jacket, hat, hood, gloves and boots as he cleaned out an empty unit for the apartment complex where he works.

"I've been here awhile and my brain stopped working," Cross said. The storm has been a popular topic of discussion for days at Saint Paul Mini Market in Baltimore.

"Every single person that walks in talks about the storm," said owner Ayaz Ahmed. "Somehow, this time around, they did a good job letting people know that here's a storm coming their way, and everybody knows about the storm, but how to deal with that is another thing," Ahmed said.

Government prepares to respond. The federal Government put nearly 30 search and rescue teams on standby. Officials had more than 7 million meals, 600,000 blankets and 300 generators placed throughout the area the storm was expected to cross, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

President Donald Trump said via social media on Friday that his administration was coordinating with state and local officials and "FEMA is fully prepared to respond."

After the storm passes, it will take a while to thaw out. Ice can add hundreds of pounds to power lines and branches and make them more susceptible to snapping, especially if it's windy.

In at least 11 Southern states from Texas to Virginia, a majority of homes are heated by electric-

ity, according to the US Census Bureau. A severe cold snap five years ago took down much of the power grid in Texas, leaving millions without power for days and resulting in hundreds of deaths. Abbott vowed that will not happen again, and utility companies were bringing in thousands of employees to help keep the lights on. Church, Carnival and classes cancelled.

Churches moved Sunday services online, and the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee, decided to hold its Saturday night radio performance without fans. Carnival parades in Louisiana were cancelled or rescheduled.

Philadelphia announced schools would be closed Monday. Superintendent Tony B Watlington Sr told students, "It's also appropriate to have one or two very safe snowball fights."



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## एअर इंडिया ने अमेरिका की उड़ानें रद्द की

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): अमेरिका के पूर्वी तट पर भीषण सर्द तूफान के पूर्वानुमान के बाद एअर इंडिया ने 25-26 जनवरी को न्यूयॉर्क और नेवार्क जाने वाली अपनी उड़ानें रद्द कर दी हैं। यह विमानन कंपनी दिल्ली और मुंबई से न्यूयॉर्क के लिए प्रतिदिन उड़ानें संचालित करती है। दिल्ली से नेवार्क के लिए भी उसकी प्रतिदिन उड़ानें हैं, जबकि मुंबई और

नेवार्क के बीच सेवाएं सप्ताह के कुछ निश्चित दिनों में संचालित होती हैं। एअर इंडिया ने शनिवार को कहा कि रविवार तड़के से सोमवार तक न्यूयॉर्क, न्यू जर्सी और अमेरिका के पूर्वी तट के आसपास के इलाकों में भारी बर्फबारी के साथ भीषण शीतकालीन तूफान आनेकी आशंका है, जिससे हवाई उड़ानों पर काफी असर पड़ेगा।

## एयर इंडिया नया ड्रीमलाइनर उड़ाने को तैयार, स्वीकृति का इंतजार

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): एयर इंडिया अपने नए बोइंग 787-9 विमान को कुछ सीमाओं के साथ संचालित करेगी। सूत्रों के अनुसार



टाटा समूह के स्वामित्व वाली यह एयरलाइन विमान के 'बिजनेस क्लास सुइट्स' में निजता के लिए खिसकने वाले दरवाजे और 'इकोनॉमी क्लास' की 18 सीटों के लिए अमेरिकी नियामक एफएए (एफएए) की मंजूरी का इंतजार कर रही है। टाटा समूह के जनवरी 2022 में एयर इंडिया का स्वामित्व लेने के बाद इसके बेड़े में शामिल होने वाला यह पहला 'विशेष जरूरतों के हिसाब से बना' ड्रीमलाइनर है। यह विमान एक फरवरी से मुंबई-फ्रैंकफर्ट मार्ग पर व्यावसायिक परिचालन शुरू करेगा। इस विमान में कुल 296 सीटें

हैं, जिनमें 30 बिजनेस क्लास, 28 प्रीमियम इकोनॉमी और 238 इकोनॉमी क्लास की सीटें शामिल हैं। सूत्रों ने पीटीआई-भाषा को बताया कि इनमें से इकोनॉमी क्लास की 18 सीटें तब तक उपयोग के लिए उपलब्ध नहीं होंगी, जब तक कि संघीय विमानन प्रशासन (एफएए) अपनी मंजूरी नहीं दे देता।

एयरलाइन के एक प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि नया बी 787-9 कुछ सीमाओं के साथ एक फरवरी से परिचालन में आएगा। प्रवक्ता ने कहा, 'हमारे बिजनेस क्लास सुइट्स के 'स्लाइडिंग प्राइव्सी' दरवाजे सुरक्षित रूप खुले होंगे और यात्रियों के उपयोग के लिए उपलब्ध नहीं होंगे, क्योंकि इस विशिष्ट सुविधा को अभी नियामक मंजूरी मिलनी बाकी है। हमें निकट भविष्य में आवश्यक मंजूरी मिलने की उम्मीद है। सीटों के अन्य सभी फीचर्स यात्रियों के लिए उपलब्ध हैं।'



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## IndiGo becomes first airline to offer direct Delhi-Athens connectivity from today

**PANKAJ JAIN**

*New Delhi, 24 January*

IndiGo on Friday launched non-stop flight services between India and Greece, becoming the first airline to offer direct connectivity between the two countries.

The airline has started direct flights from Mumbai to Athens, while services between Delhi and Athens will begin from Saturday.

The new routes are being operated using India's first Airbus A321XLR aircraft. IndiGo will operate three flights a week on each route, connecting Athens with Mumbai and Delhi. With this launch, travellers from Greece will get direct access to India's two major metro cities and further

connections across IndiGo's domestic and international network. Along with the new flights, a codeshare agreement between IndiGo and Greece's largest airline, AEGEAN, has also come into effect.

This partnership will allow passengers to connect to more than 10 destinations in Europe, including cities in Italy, Spain and Bulgaria, as well as several destinations in India and Asia.

IndiGo said Athens is an important destination for Indian travellers, especially for leisure travel, meetings and events, and wedding tourism. The airline added that the new services will strengthen air connectivity between India and Europe and support growing travel demand.

