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AAI to conduct feasibility study on location of 2nd airport for Bengaluru

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As the competition between Nelamangala, Kanakapura and Chudahalli as an option for Bengaluru's second airport heats up, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) plans to conduct a feasibility study from April 7 to 9.

IDEAL LOCATION?

Three locations are under consideration — Chudahalli, Somanahalli on Kanakapura Road and one on the Nelamangala-Kunigal Road, according to MB Patil, Minister of Large and Medium Scale Industries.

However, the exclusivity clause in Bengaluru International Airport Limited's (BIAL) concession agreement with the Union government, which grants it sole rights to operate civilian airports in Bengaluru until 2033, could impact the pro-



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ject's feasibility. Somanahalli is approximately 70 km from Kempegowda International Airport (KIA). While Chudahalli too is over 70 km away from KIA, it is just 50 km from Hosur in Tamil Nadu, which is likely to get an airport.

PROS AND CONS

Nelamangala is roughly 60 km from KIA and 81 km from Hosur.

Swapnil Anil, Managing Director, Advisory Services, Colliers India, noted that Kanakapura Road (NH 948) is well-connected via the NICE Road and the Mysuru Expressway.

Additionally, Phase 2B of Bengaluru Metro is set to extend the Yellow Line toward Kanakapura Road, which could further boost residential and commercial development once operational.

Similarly, Anshuman Magazine, Chairman, CEO - India, South-East Asia, Middle East & Africa, CBRE, observed, Nelamangala is a well-established industrial and residential node with ongoing infrastructure enhancements.

Also, Nelamangala is positioned along NH 75, which connects Bengaluru to Mangaluru, and NH 48, linking Bengaluru to Tumakuru. It is also well connected by rail and a metro link is also under consideration.

Noida Airport gets new launch date, ops to start after May 15

NEETIKA JHA
Noida, March 24

THE NOIDA INTERNATIONAL Airport (NIA) in Uttar Pradesh's Jewar will commence commercial operations in mid-May, officials said on Monday.

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AAI planning to expand civil operations at Hindon airport

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GHAZIABAD: With Ghaziabad's Hindon Airport on course to "soon exceed its capacity" of 700-800 daily passengers, Airport Authority of India (AAI) said on Monday that it is planning to expand infrastructure at the civil airport, which currently handles 600 daily passengers.

The airport is planning to launch a new route to Bhubaneswar for which airlines have

already opened bookings. Ghaziabad MP Atul Garg has already written to AAI to get connectivity to cities such as Varanasi, Ayodhya, Prayagraj and Lucknow.

"We expect to reach the saturation level soon, and an expansion plan is being considered at the headquarter level. Already, to meet out the increased number of passengers against the present capacity of 150 each of arrivals and departures, we have roped in additional resources such as seating arrange-

ments and security machines according to protocol, and have doubled the capacity from local resources," said Umesh Yadav, director at the civil airport.

"Roughly, we can say that our plan proposes to double the capacity. It will depend on the availability of land nearby, parking space, number of flights, and the airlines' requirements. The expansion plan is already in process, and it is to be vetted by different departments, including IAF," Yadav added.

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The first phase of the airport was initially set to be operational by September 29, 2024, but the dates were later revised to April 17 this year. This deadline too is set to be missed as the aerodrome licence is expected in May, *The Indian Express* reported earlier this month.

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The CEO said another meeting with all stakeholders, including officials of the Airports Authority of India and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, was called to discuss the plan ahead. "During this meeting, we asked YIAPL for a 'catch-up' plan to ensure flight operations don't miss the third revised deadline. They met the Chief Secretary and gave their explanation in this regard. They will submit the plan by April 2," Singh said.

"The project suffered certain setbacks during the Covid pandemic... In June 2022, the construction contract was awarded to Tata Projects. We had already allowed a grace period of three months. Now, the daily penalty of Rs 10 lakh has been enforced and will continue till the airport becomes operational," he added.

Singh explained the delay is because the terminal building is yet to be fully completed. "It is due to the design of the iron facade used in the terminal building. The metal is first melted and then moulded, which takes more time," said the CEO.

When YIAPL was contacted, an official confirmed their meeting with the Chief Secretary last week. "We are working towards the completion of the project within the revised timeline. The state government has been an avid supporter of this project from the very beginning," read an official statement from YIAPL.



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Expert panel to assess Udhampur airport for potential commercial flight operations

ADIL AKHZER

SRINAGAR, MARCH 23

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has formed a dedicated committee to assess the feasibility of landing commercial flights at Udhampur, in Jammu region, as per Union Minister Jitendra Singh.

Singh, who is also the Member of Parliament from the Udhampur-Kathua Lok Sabha Constituency, had recently shared that the government is pursuing an "ambitious proposal" to designate Udhampur as a stopover for the new Air India Express flight connecting between

Hindon and Jammu.

At present, Jammu and Srinagar are the two operational airports in J&K. If Udhampur is approved for commercial flights, it would offer travellers quicker access to the Vaishno Devi shrine in Katra. Singh remarked that Udhampur shares similarities with Jammu Airport, which is also managed by the Air Force, meaning there are several logistical and regulatory hurdles that must be navigated before such a proposal can be finalised.

In his latest update on the matter, the Union Minister mentioned that "in principle,

there is no objection to this proposal." Furthermore, he shared that the AAI has formed a committee comprising experts from the aviation sector, the Air Force and professional pilots. This team is expected to visit Udhampur next weekend to assess the feasibility of implementing the proposal.

The committee will evaluate several crucial factors, including air traffic, safety protocols, airport management and other related aspects. Singh confirmed that this development had been communicated by the office of the Chairman of the Airports Authority of India.



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AMAR UJALA

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शिमला : लैंडिंग के दौरान आई खराबी, इमरजेंसी ब्रेक लगाकर रोका विमान

शिमला। शिमला के जुब्बड़हट्टी एयरपोर्ट पर सोमवार को बड़ा हादसा टल गया। दिल्ली से शिमला आए एलायंस एयर का एटीआर-42 विमान में लैंडिंग करते समय तकनीकी खराबी आ गई। एयरपोर्ट पर इमरजेंसी ब्रेक लगाकर विमान को रोका गया। इमरजेंसी ब्रेक के बावजूद विमान रनवे से थोड़ा आगे निकल गया। विमान में हिमाचल में उपमुख्यमंत्री मुकेश अग्निहोत्री और डीजीपी समेत 44 यात्री सवार थे। सभी यात्री सुरक्षित हैं। इस घटना के बाद सोमवार को सुरक्षा कारणों से अन्य सभी उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गई हैं। मंगलवार को भी शिमला से एलायंस एयर की उड़ानें नहीं होंगी।

सोमवार सुबह जुब्बड़हट्टी हवाई अड्डे पर लैंडिंग के दौरान ब्रेक में तकनीकी गड़बड़ी की सूचना मिली थी। पायलटों को लैंडिंग के बीच गति कम करने में कठिनाई हुई, जिससे उन्हें अंतिम क्षण में आपातकालीन ब्रेक लगाने पड़े और बीच रनवे पर लैंडिंग की शुरुआत हुई। विमान रुकने से पहले रनवे से लगभग आगे निकल गया था। इसके बाद यात्रियों को करीब 20 मिनट तक विमान में ही रखा गया। एयरपोर्ट अधिकारियों ने एटीआर-42 विमान को निरीक्षण के लिए रोक दिया है। संवाद



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Domestic operations at Noida Airport may begin in June

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Domestic operations at the upcoming Noida International Airport are likely to commence in June, sources told *businessline*.

The deadline for the completion of the international wing of the terminal has been set to June 25, 2025, they said.

businessline was the first to report the facility's terminal under phase I of the project will only be completed by June.

Notably, the proposed move for a partial opening assumes significance as the

current pace of construction will render the operator with the option to either partially open by June, whereas the full construction and operationalisation might stretch it up to July-August.

The airport's stakeholders recently held a meeting to discuss the various options to start the operations.

Accordingly, the stakeholders expect that a majority of work at the terminal building for domestic operations will be completed by mid-to-late May, followed by the attainment of regulatory clearances between May 15-25.

"After the grant of regulatory clearances, the airport

will still take another two to three weeks to fully operationalise at least the domestic wing of the terminal," sources said.

"The final decision on the inauguration date and the commencement of domestic operations will be taken at a high-level review meeting, which will be held in April."

"As of now, over 90 per cent of the work has been completed. Clear-cut instructions have been given to prepare for the full-fledged domestic terminal operations. The airport will not be inaugurated just for cargo operations," sources said.

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cordoned-off area will be created, which would then be inspected by BCAS (Bureau of Civil Aviation Security) and DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) before opening."

A BCAS inspection is required for anti-sabotage

checks and inspection of the required apparatus for anti-hijacking and bomb squad operations.

DGCA NOD

Thereafter, the DGCA is expected to grant the regulatory licence. Generally, it takes 90 days for the regulator to process the aerodrome application for licensing. It was widely speculated that the airport might be inaugurated and made operational by May; however, inspections by the central aviation safety regulator and other authorities have not led to a definite timeline.

In terms of airport infrastructure, the Air Control

Tower (ATC) is expected to become operational by April 15. On its part, Noida International Airport said that it is making steady progress towards operational readiness.

"Noida International Airport (NIA) continues to progress steadily towards operational readiness. We expect to receive our aerodrome licence by mid-May. The Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP), which was issued earlier this month, is also expected to become effective as of mid-May."

"Following this, the start of operations will be planned in coordination with airlines and other partners," an NIA official said.



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शिमला में इमरजेंसी ब्रेक लगाकर रोका विमान डिप्टी सीएम व डीजीपी समेत 44 लोग थे सवार

दिल्ली से शिमला आया था विमान, एयरपोर्ट ऑथोरिटी को 3 फ्लाइट करनी पड़ी रद्द



मुकेश अग्निहोत्री

अतुल वर्मा

शिमला | शिमला के जुब्बड़हट्टी एयरपोर्ट पर सोमवार सुबह दिल्ली से आए पैसेंजर विमान को अचानक इमरजेंसी ब्रेक लगाकर रोकना पड़ा। अचानक ब्रेक लगने से विमान में सवार यात्री सहम गए। हालांकि इस घटना से कोई नुकसान नहीं हुआ, लेकिन इससे एयरपोर्ट ऑथोरिटी के काम जरूर खड़े हुए हैं। इस विमान में हिमाचल के उपमुख्यमंत्री मुकेश अग्निहोत्री सहित डीजीपी अतुल वर्मा भी दिल्ली से शिमला आ रहे थे। विमान में कू मेंबर्स समेत 44 लोग सवार थे। प्रत्यक्षदर्शियों के अनुसार, इस दौरान विमान रनवे को पार कर एयरस्ट्रिप के किनारे लगे स्टैंड्स से टकरा गया।

जानकारी के मुताबिक सोमवार सुबह दिल्ली से शिमला के लिए उड़ा एलायंस एयर का एटीआर विमान, यहां पर करीबन 8:20 बजे लैंड हुआ। इसकी लैंडिंग तो सुरक्षित हो गई, लेकिन रनवे को छूने के बाद यह जहाज अपनी निश्चित जगह पर नहीं रुका। ऐसे में पायलट को इमरजेंसी ब्रेक लगाना पड़ा, जिससे यात्रियों में खलबली मच गई। हालांकि अभी एयरपोर्ट ऑथोरिटी ब्रेक न लगने के कारणों की जांच कर रही है।

हमें तो बस इतना पता चला कि अचानक जोर से ब्रेक लगी : मुकेश अग्निहोत्री

विमान में दिल्ली से शिमला लौटे उपमुख्यमंत्री मुकेश अग्निहोत्री ने बताया कि विमान में सवार यात्रियों को केवल इतना पता लगा कि अचानक से ब्रेक लगी है। ऐसा क्यों हुआ, ये तो एयरपोर्ट ऑथोरिटी ही बता सकती है। विमान के टायर जहां टच होकर रुकने थे, ये वहां रुका नहीं और फिर ठीक रनवे खत्म होने वाले प्वाइंट पर इमरजेंसी ब्रेक लगाकर जहाज को रोका गया। उन्होंने कहा कि रनवे छोटा पड़ गया था या लैंडिंग ही मानकों के हिसाब से नहीं हुई, क्योंकि हमें कोई अलर्ट नहीं दिया गया था। इस बारे में एयरपोर्ट ऑथोरिटी सही बता सकती है। रुकने के बाद सभी यात्रियों के साथ वह लोग भी 15-20 मिनट जहाज में ही रहे। उन्होंने कहा कि इस कारण शिमला-धर्मशाला और वहां से आने वाली फ्लाइट रद्द कर दी गई, जिसमें हमारे विधायकों को भी शिमला आना था।

तकनीकी फॉल्ट का पता लगा रहे इंजीनियर

इस बारे में जुब्बड़हट्टी एयरपोर्ट के ऑफिशिएटिंग डायरेक्टर केपी सिंह ने कहा कि विमान की लैंडिंग के वक्त क्या तकनीकी खराबी रही, इंजीनियर इसकी जांच कर रहे हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि दिल्ली से सुबह उड़ान से पहले जहाज की जांच हुई थी, जिसमें कोई दिक्कत नहीं थी। अब शिमला में लैंडिंग के समय जो समस्या आई, उसके चलते अगली सभी फ्लाइट्स कैन्सिल कर दी गई हैं।

तीन फ्लाइट रद्द : दिल्ली से शिमला पहुंचकर यही विमान, शिमला से धर्मशाला और वहां से यात्री लेकर वापस शिमला भी आता है, जबकि शाम को शिमला से फिर दिल्ली की उड़ान भरता है। टेक्निकल फॉल्ट आने के कारण शिमला से धर्मशाला, धर्मशाला से शिमला और यहां से दिल्ली की फ्लाइट भी कैन्सिल कर दी गई।



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हिसार एयरपोर्ट का 14 को पीएम करेंगे उद्घाटन: बड़ौली 9 जिलों के जिला अध्यक्ष व अन्य की बैठक हुई

भास्कर न्यूज़ | गुरुग्राम

आगामी कार्यक्रमों की योजना रचना को लेकर सोमवार को गुरुग्राम स्थित पार्टी कार्यालय गुरुकमल में भाजपा प्रदेश अध्यक्ष पीडित मोहन लाल बड़ौली की अध्यक्षता में संगठनात्मक बैठक हुई। इस मौके पर विशेष रूप से राष्ट्रीय सचिव ओम प्रकाश धनखड़, संगठन मंत्री फणीन्द्रनाथ शर्मा, प्रदेश महामंत्री सुरेंद्र पूनिया और कैबिनेट मंत्री राव नरबीर सिंह मौजूद रहे। बैठक में प्रदेश अध्यक्ष ने बताया कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी 14 अप्रैल को हरियाणा आएंगे और हिसार एयरपोर्ट का उद्घाटन करेंगे, इसके अलावा प्रधानमंत्री का एक और कार्यक्रम होगा। उन्होंने बताया कि दो और तीन अप्रैल को समालखा में कार्यशाला



दीप प्रज्वलित करते प्रदेश अध्यक्ष मोहन लाल बड़ौली व राष्ट्रीय सचिव ओम प्रकाश धनखड़।

होगी, जिसमें सभी जिलों के अध्यक्ष और मंडल अध्यक्ष शामिल रहेंगे। बड़ौली ने कहा कि 6 अप्रैल को भाजपा का स्थापना दिवस है जिसे पार्टी मंडल स्तर पर मनाएगी और 14 अप्रैल को बाबा साहेब की जयंती भी मंडल स्तर पर मनाई जाएगी। उन्होंने कहा कि 30 मार्च को प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के लोकप्रिय कार्यक्रम मन की बात को बृथ स्तर पर सुना जाएगा।

एयरपोर्ट की जमीन पर बने अवैध निर्माण पर चला बुलडोजर

- एयरपोर्ट के पास यमुना प्राधिकरण की ध्वस्तीकरण की सबसे बड़ी कार्यवाही से तहस नहस हुआ मुआवजा पाने का अरमान
- दो दर्जन से अधिक अवैध निर्माणों को बुलडोजर ने किया जमीदोज
- 28 मार्च को दुबारा होगी कार्रवाई, क्षेत्र में मचा हड़कंप, किसान संगठन काम आए न जनप्रतिनिधि, लोग लगाते रहे गुहार

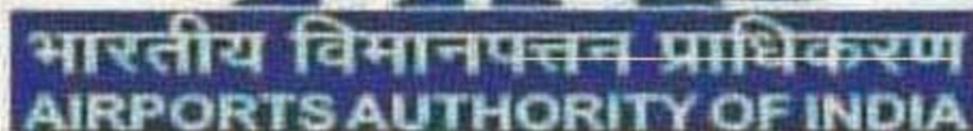
जेवर, 24 मार्च (देशबन्धु)। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के पास यमुना प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में सोमवार को प्राधिकरण व प्रशासन द्वारा ध्वस्तीकरण की सबसे बड़ी कार्रवाई की गई। जिससे लोगों के मुआवजा पाने के अरमान तहस नहस हो गए। दोपहर एक बजे शुरू हुई ध्वस्तीकरण की कार्रवाई के दौरान पांच घंटे में दस बुलडोजरों ने दो दर्जन से अधिक अवैध निर्माणों को जमीदोज कर दिया। इस बीच भारी पुलिस बल के चलते लोग विरोध करने की हिम्मत भी नहीं जुटा पाए। कार्रवाई को देखने के लिए आसपास क्षेत्र के हजारों लोग भीड़ जमा हुई। अब 28 मार्च को अवैध निर्माणों के ध्वस्तीकरण के लिए दुबारा कार्रवाई की जाएगी। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के विस्तारीकरण के लिए स्टेज 2 फेज 2 व फेज 3 के अंतर्गत भूमि अधिग्रहण की प्रक्रिया के तहत 14 गांव की 2053 हे० भूमि के अधिग्रहण की प्रक्रिया चल रही है। जिसमें से 175 हे० भूमि सरकारी तथा 1888 हे० काश्तकारी भूमि है। भूमि अधिग्रहण की प्रक्रिया से रोही, पारोही, बंकापुर, दयानातपुर, साबौता मुस्तफाबाद, सिवारा, किशोरपुर, बनबारीवास, जेवर



बंगार, चौरोली, रामनेर, खाजपुर, थोरा व नीमका गांव प्रभावित हो रहे हैं। जिनमें से किशोरपुर, रामनेर, बनबारीवास, खाजपुर, थोरा व नीमका गांव का विस्थापन किया जाना है। विस्थापित होने वाले इन गांव में मकानों का मुआवजा तथा विस्थापन के लाभ लेने के लिए भारी संख्या में मकानों का निर्माण कार्य किया जा रहा था। एयरपोर्ट का निरीक्षण करने आए मुख्य सचिव ने प्राधिकरण को पत्र लिखकर निर्माण रोकने व अवैध निर्माणों के खिलाफ कार्रवाई के आदेश दिए थे। जिसके बाद जिलाधिकारी मनीष कुमार वर्मा ने चार टीम गठित कर अवैध निर्माणों के खिलाफ कार्रवाई के आदेश दिए थे। सोमवार को यमुना प्राधिकरण के ओएसडी शैलेन्द्र सिंह के नेतृत्व में प्राधिकरण की टीम, एयरपोर्ट प्रभारी उपजिलाधिकारी दुर्गेश सिंह, उपजिलाधिकारी जेवर अभय कुमार सिंह व उपजिलाधिकारी न्यायिक विवेक कुमार भदौरिया तथा एसीपी सार्थक संगर भारी संख्या में पुलिस व पीएसी के जवानों के साथ दोपहर एक बजे दस जैसीबी मशीन लेकर किशोरपुर गांव पहुंचे तथा अवैध निर्माणों के ध्वस्तीकरण की कार्रवाई शुरू की गई। एयरपोर्ट प्रभारी उपजिलाधिकारी दुर्गेश सिंह ने बताया कि पहले दिन 25 अवैध दुकानों व मकानों के ध्वस्तीकरण



की कार्रवाई की गई। 28 मार्च को दुबारा कार्रवाई शुरू की जाएगी। क्षेत्र में मचा हड़कंप, किसान संगठन काम आए न जनप्रतिनिधि। लोग लगाते रहे गुहार। बता दे कि ध्वस्तीकरण की कार्रवाई की भनक लगने पर क्षेत्र के सैकड़ों किसान क्षेत्रीय विधायक धीरेंद्र सिंह से मिलने पहुंचे। किसानों ने बताया कि विधायक धीरेंद्र सिंह ने उपजिलाधिकारी अभय कुमार सिंह को रबूपुरा बुलाकर किसानों के मकानों को तोड़ने के लिए मना किया था तथा उन्होंने किसानों को मंगलवार को जेवर में एक निजी विद्यालय में होने वाले सेवा और सुशासन कार्यक्रम में आने को कहा था। जहां पर किसानों की अधिकारियों से वार्ता का भरोसा दिया गया था। उसके बाबजूद भी की गई ध्वस्तीकरण की कार्रवाई पर किसानों ने नाराजगी जताई है। वहीं किसान संगठन भी किसानों की मदद करने में बौने साबित हुए हैं। कार्रवाई के दौरान भाकियू भानु के प्रदेश महासचिव दिनेश चौधरी व प्रदेश अध्यक्ष ठाकुर योगेन्द्र प्रताप सिंह के कार्यालय को भी ध्वस्त कर दिया गया। इस दौरान दर्जनों किसान नेता मूक दर्शक बनकर कार्रवाई को देखते रहे लेकिन भारी पुलिसबल व प्रशासनिक अधिकारियों के तेवर देखकर कुछ भी कहने की हिम्मत नहीं जुटा सके।



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PM to open Hisar airport

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA Modi will visit Haryana on April 14 to inaugurate the Hisar airport and lay the foundation of a new 800-MW thermal power plant in Yamunanagar. —PTI



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Delhi airport: AI seeks lower landing charges

PTI

NEW DELHI

Air India has sought incentives for increasing the international to international traffic at the Delhi airport as well as lower landing charges for long-haul and ultra long-haul flights. The suggestions have been made by the airline to the AERA on the tariff proposal for the Delhi airport for the 2024-29 control period.

The airline is slowly expanding its wide-body operations as well as network. When asked about the airline's suggestions, Air India CEO and MD Campbell Wilson told PTI that economic structure of the market should be supportive of the efforts to make India an aviation hub.

HARI BHUMI

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शिमला एयरपोर्ट पर बड़ा हादसा टला पायलट को लगाने पड़े इमरजेंसी ब्रेक उपमुख्यमंत्री और डीजीपी भी थे सवार

एजेसी >>> शिमला

शिमला स्थित जुब्बड़हट्टी एयरपोर्ट पर सोमवार सुबह एक बड़ा हादसा होते-होते टल गया। दिल्ली से शिमला आ रही एलायंस एयर की एटीआर फ्लाइट लैंडिंग के दौरान असंतुलित हो गई और रनवे पर सही दूरी तय नहीं कर पाई। विमान अपेक्षा से काफी आगे उतर गया, जिससे अंतिम छोर पर पायलट को इमरजेंसी ब्रेक लगाने पड़े। इस घटना में विमान में सवार प्रदेश के उपमुख्यमंत्री मुकेश अग्निहोत्री, डीजीपी डॉ. अतुल वर्मा और अन्य यात्री भी मौजूद थे। विमान में अचानक हुई इस परेशानी के बाद यात्रियों में अफरा-तफरी मच गई।



हालांकि, पायलट और क्रू मेंबर्स की सूझबूझ और अनुभव के कारण विमान को सुरक्षित रूप से रोक लिया गया। विमान की लैंडिंग को लेकर एलायंस एयर ने तकनीकी कारणों का हवाला देते हुए धर्मशाला जाने वाली अगली फ्लाइट को रद्द कर दिया और अन्य उड़ानों पर भी अस्थायी रोक लगा दी। जुब्बड़हट्टी एयरपोर्ट का रनवे अपनी सीमित लंबाई के कारण हमेशा विमानों के लिए चुनौतीपूर्ण रहा है।

हिंडन एयरपोर्ट के आसपास होटल और मॉल बनेंगे

अच्छी खबर

ट्रांस हिंडन, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता। हिंडन एयरपोर्ट के पास होटल, रेस्तरां, मॉल और कॉमर्शियल कॉम्प्लेक्स बनेंगे। आवास एवं विकास परिषद अजंतापुरम योजना में एयरपोर्ट मार्ग के आसपास की जमीन पर व्यावसायिक भूखंड काटेगी। मुख्यालय से मुहर लगने के बाद योजना का लेआउट फाइनल होगा, जिसके बाद भूखंडों की नीलामी होगी।

हिंडन एयरपोर्ट सिकंदरपुर और आसपास की जमीन पर बना है। एयरपोर्ट से सटी जमीन पर आवास एवं विकास परिषद की अजंतापुरम योजना प्रस्तावित है, जिसका लेआउट तैयार हो रहा है। मार्च में हिंडन एयरपोर्ट से व्यावसायिक उड़ानों की शुरुआत होने के बाद यहाँ रोजाना डेढ़ हजार से

अधिक यात्रियों की आवाजाही होने लगी। एयरपोर्ट सलाहकार समिति की बैठक में संपर्क मार्ग को चार लेन का बनाने के साथ ही आसपास के होटल व रेस्तरां खोलने का मुद्दा उठा, जिसे लेकर एयरपोर्ट निदेशक ने भी प्रशासन को पत्र लिखा था। प्रशासन ने आवास एवं विकास परिषद से सड़क चौड़ीकरण के लिए जमीन मांगी थी। इसी कारण परिषद ने भी अजंतापुरम योजना के लेआउट में बदलाव किया है। लेआउट पिछले माह फाइनल हो चुका था, लेकिन अब इसमें एयरपोर्ट के मार्ग के आसपास योजना की जमीन को व्यावसायिक उपयोग के लिए आरक्षित किया गया है।

आगंतुकों के साथ एयरलाइंस कंपनियों को भी होगा लाभ : परिषद की इस योजना से आगंतुकों के साथ एयरलाइंस कंपनियों को भी फायदा



हिंडन एयरपोर्ट के आसपास कुछ इसी तरह होटल और रेस्तरां बनेंगे। • प्रतीकात्मक फोटो

होगा। अभी एयरलाइंस कंपनियों के पायलट व क्रू मेंबर के रुकने के लिए दिल्ली में होटल बुक करने पड़ते हैं। उन्हें वहाँ से लाने-ले जाने में भी समय लगता है। एयरपोर्ट के पास होटल खुलने

से काफी समय बचेगा। वहीं दूसरे शहरों से काम के लिए वहाँ आने वाले लोग भी दिल्ली जाकर ही होटल में रुकते हैं। रेस्तरां खुलने से लोग ब्रेकफास्ट व लंच एयरपोर्ट के पास ही कर सकेंगे।

व्यावसायिक भूखंड विकसित होंगे

मैन वजीराबाद रोड से हिंडन एयरपोर्ट तक जाने वाला मार्ग करीब डेढ़ किलोमीटर लंबा है। इस पूरे मार्ग पर होटल या रेस्तरां तो दूर पानी की बोटल भी नहीं मिलती। इसलिए यात्रियों को काफी परेशानी होती है। योजना के मुताबिक इस रोड के किनारे की जमीन पूरी तरह से व्यावसायिक उपयोग के लिए रहेगी। योजना की करीब 80 फीसदी जमीन समितियों को आवंटित हो जाएगी। ऐसे में बाकी जमीन कम होने के चलते ही पूरे मार्ग पर व्यावसायिक भूखंड काटे जाएंगे ताकि सभी सुविधाएं पर्याप्त रूप से विकसित हो सकें।

एयरपोर्ट मार्ग के आसपास अजंतापुरम योजना की जमीन पर व्यावसायिक भूखंड काटे जाएंगे ताकि यहाँ होटल, रेस्तरां व मॉल आदि की सुविधा मिल सके। प्रस्ताव मुख्यालय भेज दिया है। मुहर लगने के बाद लेआउट फाइनल कर आगे की कार्यवाही की जाएगी।

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शिमला हवाई अड्डे पर बड़ा हादसा टला

शिमला, संवाददाता। हिमाचल प्रदेश के शिमला में जुब्वइहट्टी एयरपोर्ट पर सोमवार सुबह बड़ा हादसा टल गया। दिल्ली से शिमला आए एलायंस एयर के एटीआर विमान को तकनीकी खराबी से इमरजेंसी ब्रेक लगाकर रोकना पड़ा। लैंडिंग के बाद विमान की स्पीड कम नहीं हुई थी।

हिमाचल के उपमुख्यमंत्री और डीजीपी विमान थे सवार: विमान में हिमाचल के उपमुख्यमंत्री मुकेश अग्निहोत्री और प्रदेश के डीजीपी डॉ. अतुल वर्मा सवार थे। दोनों दिल्ली से शिमला लौट रहे थे। विमान में क्रू मेंबर्स समेत 44 लोग थे। उपमुख्यमंत्री मुकेश अग्निहोत्री ने कहा कि रनवे शॉर्ट पड़ गया या फिर लैंडिंग में दिक्कत आई, पर अचानक जोरदार तरीके से विमान

दिल्ली से बेंगलुरु जा रहा विमान चेन्नई डायवर्ट

बेंगलुरु। दिल्ली से बेंगलुरु जा रहे एयर इंडिया के विमान को संचालन प्रक्रिया में दिक्कत से सोमवार को चेन्नई डायवर्ट कर दिया गया। एयर इंडिया ने बताया कि विमान ने सुबह 9 बजकर 55 मिनट पर दिल्ली से उड़ान भरी थी जिसे 12 बजकर 50 मिनट पर बेंगलुरु पहुंचना था। संचालन प्रक्रिया से विमान को चेन्नई में उतारा गया। विमान ने दोबारा 1 बजकर 38 मिनट पर बेंगलुरु के लिए उड़ान भरी।

को रोका गया। करीब 20-25 मिनट हम विमान में ही रहे।

डीजीसीए को किराया डाटा साझा नहीं करेंगे एयरलाइन: उधर, देश की

‘विमान यात्रियों को मैसेज कर उनके अधिकार बताएं’

नई दिल्ली। विमानन कंपनियां यात्रियों को उनके अधिकारों की जानकारी मैसेज और व्हाट्सएप पर लिंक के माध्यम से साझा करेंगी। नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने सोमवार को सभी विमानन कंपनियों को ये निर्देश जारी किया है। डीजीसीए ने अपने निर्देश में कहा है कि विमान यात्रियों को उनके अधिकारों के साथ यात्री नियमों की भी जानकारी साझा करनी होगी।

एयरलाइनों कंपनियों ने नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) के साथ हवाई किराये का डाटा साझा करने से इनकार कर दिया है।



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पीएम 14 को हिसार हवाई अड्डे का शुभारंभ करेंगे

चंडीगढ़। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी 14 अप्रैल को हरियाणा के दौरे पर जाएंगे। वहां वह हिसार हवाई अड्डे का शुभारंभ करेंगे। हरियाणा के सीएम नायब सिंह सैनी ने बताया कि मोदी 14 अप्रैल को हिसार में महाराजा अग्रसेन हवाई अड्डे के शुभारंभ के साथ ही यमुना नगर में दीन बंधु छोट्टो राम थर्मल पॉवर प्लांट की नई इकाई की आधारशिला रखेंगे। इस दौरान वह डॉ. आंबेडकर जयंती समारोह में भी मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में शामिल होंगे।

Heathrow airport, energy operator trade charges over fire shutdown

Associated Press

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LONDON: Heathrow bosses on Monday defended their response to a fire that shut down Europe's busiest air hub for almost a day, after Britain's energy system operator suggested the airport had enough electricity from other sources to keep running.

More than 1,300 flights were cancelled on Friday after a fire knocked out one of the three electrical substations that supply Heathrow with power. More than 200,000 passengers had journeys disrupted, and industry experts say the chaos will cost airlines tens of millions of dollars.

The airport reopened after about 18 hours after Heathrow reconfigured its power supply.

Heathrow said it ran a full schedule on Saturday and Sunday, with 400,000 passengers passing through on 2,500 weekend flights.

The fire's huge impact raised concern about the resilience of Britain's energy system to accident, natural disaster or attack. The government has ordered a probe into "any wider lessons to be learned on energy resilience for critical national infrastructure".

Counterterrorism police initially led the investigation into the fire, which came as authorities across Europe gird against sabotage backed by Russia. The head of Britain's MI6 spy agency has accused Moscow of mounting a "staggeringly reckless" sabotage campaign against allies of Ukraine in its war against Russia's full-scale inva-



A fire is seen at an electrical substation near the Heathrow airport in London, on Friday. AP

sion. Police say they have found no sign of foul play. The investigation has been handed back to the London Fire Brigade, which said it is focusing on the substation's electrical distribution equipment.

Meanwhile, the utility company and airport executives are

trading blame. John Pettigrew, chief executive of energy-supply network National Grid, told the Financial Times that "each substation individually can provide enough power to Heathrow" for the airport to stay open.

"Losing a substation is a unique event — but there were two others available," he said. "So that is a level of resilience."

Heathrow said it had worked to reopen "as soon as safely and practically possible."

"Hundreds of critical systems across the airport were required to be safely powered down and then safely and systematically rebooted," the airport said in a statement. "Given Heathrow's size and operational complexity, safely restarting operations after a disruption of this magnitude was a significant challenge."



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PM to inaugurate airport in Hisar on April 14: CM

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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Maharaja Agrasen International Airport in Hisar on April 14, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said Monday.

Saini said the Prime Minister will also lay the foundation of a new 800 MW unit worth ₹7,272 crore at the Deenbandhu Chhottu Ram Thermal Power Plant in Yamunanagar.

Saini said an Integrated Aviation Hub was being developed over 7,200 acres in Hisar, with 4,200 acres allocated for the airport and 3,000 acres for an Integrated Manufacturing Cluster.

Noting that the airport's development is divided into three phases, the CM said the first phase, including a terminal building, was already completed for ₹50 crore.



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यीडा : हवाई अड्डे के लिए चिह्नित गांवों में अवैध निर्माण ढहाया गया

जनसत्ता संवाददाता
ग्रेटर नोएडा, 24 मार्च।

यमुना एक्सप्रेस-वे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण ने सोमवार को जेवर स्थित अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के आसपास अवैध निर्माणों पर कार्रवाई शुरू की। जिसके तहत प्राधिकरण दस्ते ने किशोरपुर और रामनेर गांव के पास अवैध निर्माण गिराए। बताया जा रहा है कि हवाई अड्डे के लिए अधिग्रहित होने वाली जमीन पर कुछ अतिक्रमणकारी अवैध निर्माण कर रहे थे। अवैध निर्माण रोकने के लिए चार टीमों का भी गठन किया गया है।

यीडा सीईओ के निर्देश पर हुई कार्रवाई में पता चला कि भू-माफिया किसानों की जमीन पर अवैध करूजा कर निर्माण कर रहे थे। प्रशासन की तरफ से इस पर रोक लगाने के लिए बुलडोजर

अवैध निर्माण रोकने के लिए चार टीमें गठित, लोग मुआवजा पाने के लिए अवैध निर्माण कर रहे हैं, इसको लेकर बड़ी संख्या में नोटिस भी जारी किए जा चुके हैं।

चलाया गया। इस दौरान यीडा के ओएसडी (भूमि) और उप जिलाधिकारी मौजूद रहे। हालांकि कई दिनों पहले से अवैध निर्माण के खिलाफ कार्रवाई की संभावना जताई जा रही थी। हवाई अड्डे परियोजना की सुरक्षा और निश्चित विकास के लिए यह कार्रवाई की गई है। बता दें कि नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के तीसरे चरण में 14 गांवों को चिह्नित (नोटिफाई) किया गया है। पता चला है कि लोग मुआवजा पाने के लिए अवैध निर्माण कर रहे हैं। जिसको लेकर बड़ी संख्या में नोटिस भी जारी किए जा चुके हैं।



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‘डिजी यात्रा’ सुविधा अब 24 हवाई अड्डों पर उपलब्ध

नईदिल्ली, लोकसत्य

सरकार ने सोमवार को सूचित किया कि यात्रियों को परेशानी रहित यात्रा सुनिश्चित करने के उद्देश्य से 1 दिसंबर 2022 को शुरू की गई ‘डिजी यात्रा’ सुविधा अब 24 हवाई अड्डों पर उपलब्ध है, और इसे चरणबद्ध तरीके से पूरे देश के सभी हवाई अड्डों पर लागू किया जाएगा।

राज्यसभा को एक प्रश्न के लिखित उत्तर में नागर विमानन मंत्री किजरापु राममोहन नायडू ने यह जानकारी दी। उन्होंने बताया कि इस सुविधा की शुरुआत दिल्ली, बेंगलुरु और वाराणसी हवाई अड्डों पर की गई थी। नायडू ने बताया कि ‘डिजी यात्रा’ शुरू होने के बाद से एक करोड़ से अधिक हवाई यात्रियों ने ‘डिजी यात्रा एप्लीकेशन’ डाउनलोड किया और डिजी यात्रा सक्षम हवाई अड्डों पर इसका उपयोग पांच करोड़

से अधिक बार किया गया है। उन्होंने बताया कि ‘डिजी यात्रा’ में डेटा सुरक्षा और गोपनीयता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए डिजी यात्रा सेंट्रल इकोसिस्टम (डीवाईसीई) को गोपनीयता के मूल सिद्धांतों पर तैयार किया गया है। इसके तहत यात्री के स्मार्टफोन वॉलेट में संग्रहित डेटा केवल मूल हवाई अड्डे के साथ सीमित अवधि के लिए साझा किया जाता है जहां यात्री को अपनी पहचान यानी आईडी की पुष्टि करनी होती है। नायडू ने बताया कि हवाई अड्डों पर कोई डेटा एकत्र नहीं किया जाता है।

इसके अलावा, ‘डिजी यात्रा’ के तहत हवाई अड्डों पर प्रक्रिया के लिए उपयोग किए जाने वाली डेटा को उड़ान के खतम होने के 24 घंटे के भीतर ही सिस्टम से हटा दिया जाता है।



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PM Modi to visit Haryana on Apr 14, to inaugurate Hisar airport

OUR CORRESPONDENT

CHANDIGARH: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Haryana on April 14 to inaugurate the Hisar airport and lay the foundation stone of a new 800-MW unit thermal power plant in the Yamunanagar district.

Giving details of the visit, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini told reporters here that PM Modi will be the chief guest in a state-level function to be organised on the occasion of Dr B R Ambedkar's birth anniversary on April 14.

Whenever PM Modi has visited Haryana, he has given gifts to the state, said Saini, who was flanked by his ministers Krishan Kumar Bedi, Krishan Pal Panwar and Vipul Goel.

The Prime Minister will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of two big projects, Saini said, adding that Modi will inaugurate Maharaja Agrasen Airport in Hisar to open commercial operations.



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फ्लाइट में थे हिमाचल के डिप्टी CM, टला हादसा

■ पीटीआई, शिमला: हिमाचल प्रदेश के डिप्टी सीएम मुकेश अग्निहोत्री और पुलिस महानिदेशक अतुल वर्मा सहित 30 से अधिक यात्रियों को लेकर जा रही



फ्लाइट सोमवार सुबह जुब्बड़हट्टी हवाई अड्डे पर रनवे को पार कर एयरस्ट्रिप के किनारे लगे स्टैंड से टकरा

गई। एयरपोर्ट के अधिकारियों ने कहा कि फ्लाइट ने नियमित जांच के बाद दिल्ली से उड़ान भरी थी। इंजिनियर प्लेन की जांच कर रहे हैं ताकि यह पता लगाया जा सके कि कोई तकनीकी खराबी तो नहीं है। डिप्टी सीएम मुकेश ने कहा कि रनवे छोटा है और हम इस फैक्ट से इनकार नहीं कर सकते। एक आम आदमी के तौर पर मैं कह सकता हूँ कि उतरते समय विमान उस जगह जमीन पर नहीं उतरा जहाँ उसे उतरना चाहिए था और एयरस्ट्रिप के किनारे पहुंच गया। उन्होंने कहा, 'सिर्फ एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी या नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय ही बता सकता है कि क्या हुआ, लेकिन मैं कह सकता हूँ कि लैंडिंग में समस्या थी। हमारी आंखों के सामने रनवे खत्म हो गया था।' जुब्बड़हट्टी एयरपोर्ट पर 1,230 मीटर लंबी हवाई पट्टी है और टेबलटॉप संरचना के कारण सबसे चुनौतीपूर्ण हवाई अड्डों में से एक माना जाता है।

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर पहले फेज में बनेंगे छह एयरोब्रिज सीएम की नाराजगी और मुख्य सचिव के समीक्षा के बाद निर्माण को दिया जा रहा अंतिम रूप

● टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग का निर्माण पूरा नहीं होने से कार्मिशियल विमानों के उड़ान में देरी संभव

पायनियर समाचार सेवा। नोएडा

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से अप्रैल में कार्मिशियल विमानों के उड़ान भरना मुश्किल होता जा रहा है। टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग का निर्माण कार्य पूरा न होने इसका एक बड़ा कारण बताया जा रहा है। यहां पहले फेज में 6 एयरोब्रिज का निर्माण किया जाएगा। हालांकि निर्माण 10 एयरोब्रिज का किया जाना है। ये निर्माण कार्मिशियल उड़ान शुरू होने से पहले होना है। इस महीने के अंत में मुख्य सचिव एयरपोर्ट निर्माण को लेकर दोबारा समीक्षा कर सकते हैं। इससे पहले वे प्राधिकरण की बोर्ड में शामिल होंगे।

सीएम की नाराजगी और मुख्य सचिव के समीक्षा को लेकर एयरपोर्ट के निर्माण कार्य को तेजी से अंतिम रूप दिया जा रहा है। फिलहाल अब 15 मई तक कार्मिशियल विमान सेवा



प्रतीकात्मक फोटो।

शुरू करने के लिए नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय; डीजीसीए से एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस मिलने की संभावना है। टर्मिनल का काम तेजी से चल रहा है। ऐसे में यात्रियों को विमान तक पहुंचाने के लिए शुरुआत में अब छह एयरोब्रिज लगेंगे जिनकी मदद से यात्री टर्मिनल से विमान तक पहुंचेंगे। थोड़ा के सीईओ डॉ. अरुण वीर सिंह ने बताया कि एयरोब्रिज एयरपोर्ट पर टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग से सीधे विमान के दरवाजे तक यात्रियों

को ले जाने वाला ढका हुआ पुल होता है। यह सुरंग जैसा रास्ता होता है। जिससे यात्री आसानी से विमान तक पहुंचते हैं। वहीं ए विमान से उतरते समय टर्मिनल में आने के लिए भी एयरोब्रिज का प्रयोग किया जाता है। टर्मिनल के एंट्रेंस का कार्य चल रहा है। डोमेस्टिक टर्मिनल का काम लगभग पूरा होने को है। जबकि इंटरनेशनल टर्मिनल के कार्य में कुछ महीने लग जाएंगे। मोल्डिंग आदि के कार्य में भी देरी होगी। ऐसे में

एयरपोर्ट पर पहले दिन से इंटरनेशनल फ्लाइट सेवा शुरू होना मुश्किल है।

अब पहले दिन से सिर्फ डोमेस्टिक और कार्गो फ्लाइट शुरू होने की योजना तैयार की जा रही है। ऐसे में शुरुआत में एयरपोर्ट पर सिर्फ छह एयरोब्रिज लगाए जाएंगे। पूर्व में यहां 10 एयरोब्रिज लगने थे। जोकि एयरपोर्ट साइट पर पहुंच भी चुके हैं। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर पुलिस थाना बनाया जाना है। जिसके लिए एयरपोर्ट के पास लगभग एक

हजार वर्गमीटर जमीन प्रस्तावित है। अपर पुलिस महानिदेशकए मुख्यालय से जमीन को निशुल्क देने के लिए पत्राचार किया गया था। लेकिन एयरपोर्ट बना रही कंपनी यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड ने मुफ्त में जमीन देने से हाथ खड़े कर दिए हैं। इस एक हजार वर्गमीटर में ही थाने के साथ डीसीपी एयरपोर्ट का मुख्यालय बनना है। जमीन को एवज में कंपनी ने एक करोड़ रुपए की मांग की है।

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के अधिकारियों ने भी यापल से इस संबंध में बात की। लेकिन कंपनी ने जमीन निशुल्क देने से हाथ खड़े कर दिए। अब नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के सीईओ डॉ. अरुण वीर सिंह ने प्रमुख सचिव गृहद से मामले में निर्देश जारी करने की मांग की है। थोड़ा की ओर से 21 मार्च को यह पत्र जारी किया गया है। थाना के साथ एयरपोर्ट के पास दो पुलिस चौकी का भी निर्माण कार्य किया जा रहा है। जिसके लिए विकासकर्ता कंपनी यापल ने चौकी के लिए रन्हेरा और बनवारीवास गांव में जमीन उपलब्ध करा दिया है।

पीएम 14 अप्रैल को करेंगे एयरपोर्ट का उद्घाटन आगामी कार्यक्रमों की योजना बनाने को लेकर गुरुग्राम में हुई भाजपा की संगठनात्मक बैठक

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प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी 14 अप्रैल को हिसार एयरपोर्ट का उद्घाटन करेंगे। इसकी तैयारियां व्यापक स्तर पर की जाएंगी। हिसार एयरपोर्ट के उद्घाटन के अलावा उसी दिन एक अन्य कार्यक्रम में भी प्रधानमंत्री शिरकत करेंगे। यह जानकारी भाजपा के प्रदेश अध्यक्ष मोहन लाल बड़ौली ने सोमवार को यहां संगठनात्मक बैठक में दी।

भाजपा प्रदेश अध्यक्ष ने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के हरियाणा दौरा को लेकर योजना रचना तैयार की जाएगी और कार्यकर्ताओं को ड्यूटियां भी लगाई जाएंगी। आगामी कार्यक्रमों की योजना रचना को लेकर सोमवार को गुरुग्राम स्थित भाजपा कार्यालय गुरुकमल में



भाजपा कार्यालय में संगठनात्मक बैठक में पंचासीन प्रदेश अध्यक्ष मोहन लाल बड़ौली व अन्य।

भाजपा प्रदेश अध्यक्ष पंडित मोहन लाल बड़ौली की अध्यक्षता में संगठनात्मक बैठक हुई। इसमें राष्ट्रीय सचिव ओम प्रकाश धनखड़, संगठन मंत्री फणीन्द्रनाथ शर्मा, प्रदेश महामंत्री सुरेंद्र पुनिया और कैबिनेट मंत्री राव नरबीर सिंह मौजूद रहे। बैठक में गुरुग्राम, फरीदाबाद, बल्लभगढ़, नूंह, रेवाड़ी, रोहतक, झज्जर, पलवल, पटौदी जिला के जिला अध्यक्ष, पूर्व जिला अध्यक्ष, जिला प्रभारी, विधायक, चुनाव लड़े प्रत्याशी, मंत्री और मंडल अध्यक्ष उपस्थित रहे। प्रदेश अध्यक्ष ने कहा कि दो

और तीन अप्रैल को समालखा में कार्यशाला होगी, जिसमें सभी जिलों के अध्यक्ष और मंडल अध्यक्ष शामिल रहेंगे। बड़ौली ने कहा कि 6 अप्रैल को भाजपा का स्थापना दिवस है, जिसे पार्टी मंडल स्तर पर मनाएगी। 14 अप्रैल को बाबा साहेब की जयंती भी मंडल स्तर पर मनाई जाएगी। उन्होंने कहा कि 30 मार्च को प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के लोकप्रिय कार्यक्रम मन की बात को बूथ स्तर पर सुना जाएगा। भाजपा प्रदेश अध्यक्ष बड़ौली ने कहा कि नगर निकाय चुनाव में

सभी कार्यकर्ताओं ने अच्छा काम किया है।

बैठक में राष्ट्रीय महासचिव ओम प्रकाश धनखड़ ने एक राष्ट्र, एक चुनाव विषय पर अपने विचार रखे। उन्होंने कहा कि पूर्व राष्ट्रपति रामनाथ कोविंद की अध्यक्षता में एक समिति का गठन हुआ है। यदि चुनाव एक साथ कराए जाएं तो सरकारी खजाने पर भार भी कम पड़ेगा। देश के अंदर हर चार महीने में कहीं ना कहीं चुनाव होते हैं, आचार संहिता के कारण विकास के कार्यों पर असर पड़ता है। संगठन मंत्री फणीन्द्रनाथ शर्मा ने मंडल और बूथ को और अधिक मजबूत करने पर जोर दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि हर स्तर के कार्यकर्ता का अपना महत्व है, लेकिन बूथ व मंडल अध्यक्षों की भूमिका संगठन के कार्य में सबसे अहम होती है।

अपने संगठन को बूथ से मंडल तक मजबूत करना मंडल अध्यक्षों की जिम्मेदारी है। उन्होंने कहा कि मंडल की नियमित बैठकें होनी चाहिए और हर बैठक में सभी कार्यकर्ताओं की उपस्थिति अनिवार्य हो।



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Aircraft carrying Himachal deputy CM misses landing at Shimla's airport

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An aircraft carrying over 30 passengers, including Himachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri and Director General of Police Atul Verma, from Delhi missed the landing spot at Jubbarhatti Airport Monday morning. According to eyewitnesses, the aircraft crossed the runway and hit the studs at the edge of the airstrip. No casualties were reported.

The flight had taken off from Delhi after routine checks and engineers are inspecting the aircraft to determine if there was a technical glitch, airport authorities said.

"The runway is small and we cannot deny this fact. As a layman, I can say that while landing, the plane did not touch the ground where it was supposed to and came to the end of the airstrip," Agnihotri told reporters. "Only the airport authority or the Directorate General of Civil Aviation can tell what happened, but I can say that there was a problem in landing," he said, adding, "We could see that the runway was ending."



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PUNJAB KESARI

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जेवर एयरपोर्ट के पास अवैध निर्माण तोड़े

नोएडा, (पंजाब केसरी): यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण (यमुना अथॉरिटी) ने आज जेवर एयरपोर्ट के आसपास बड़ी कार्रवाई की। अथॉरिटी ने किशोरपुर और रामनेर गांव में अवैध निर्माण को ध्वस्त किया। यमुना अथॉरिटी के सीईओ के निर्देश पर यह कार्रवाई की गई। कार्रवाई के दौरान ओएसडी लैंड और एसडीएम मौके पर मौजूद रहे। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि एयरपोर्ट में अधिग्रहीत होने वाली जमीन पर कुछ भूमिफिया अवैध निर्माण कर रहे थे। जांच में पाया गया कि भूमिफिया किसानों की जमीन पर

● यमुना अथॉरिटी ने किशोरपुर और रामनेर गांव में चलाया बुलडोजर

अवैध कब्जा कर निर्माण कर रहे थे। वे मुआवजे की राशि का गलत इस्तेमाल कर रहे थे। प्रशासन ने इस अवैध गतिविधि पर रोक लगाने के लिए बुलडोजर की कार्रवाई की। यह कार्रवाई जेवर एयरपोर्ट परियोजना की सुरक्षा और नियमित विकास को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए की गई। प्रशासन ने स्पष्ट किया कि भविष्य

में भी ऐसी किसी अवैध गतिविधि को बर्दाश्त नहीं किया जाएगा। गौरतलब है कि जेवर में बन रहे नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के लिए अभी फेस 3 में 14 गांवों को नोटिफाई किया गया है और इन गांवों में अवैध निर्माण रोकने के लिए चार टीमों का भी गठन किया गया है। यहां पर लोग मुआवजा पाने के लिए अवैध निर्माण कर रहे थे। इसको लेकर के सैकड़ों नोटिस जारी किए जा चुके हैं। अब यमुना प्राधिकरण के द्वारा यहां बड़ी कार्रवाई की गई है और यहां पर बुलडोजर चला कर अवैध निर्माण को ध्वस्त किया जा रहा है।



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शिमला में उतर रहे विमान ने पार किया रनवे

शिमला (भाषा)। हिमाचल प्रदेश के उपमुख्यमंत्री मुकेश अग्निहोत्री और पुलिस महानिदेशक अतुल वर्मा समेत 30 से अधिक यात्रियों को सोमवार सुबह दिल्ली से लेकर आ रहा एक विमान जुब्बड़हट्टी हवाई अड्डे पर रनवे से आगे निकल गया। प्रत्यक्षदर्शियों के अनुसार, विमान रनवे पार कर हवाई पट्टी के किनारे लगे 'स्टड' से टकरा गया। हवाई अड्डे के अधिकारियों ने बताया कि विमान नियमित जांच के बाद दिल्ली से रवाना किया गया था। अधिकारियों के अनुसार, इंजीनियर विमान का निरीक्षण कर रहे हैं, ताकि पता लगाया जा सके कि कोई तकनीकी गड़बड़ी तो नहीं थी। अग्निहोत्री ने संवाददाताओं से कहा, "रनवे छोटा है और हम इस तथ्य से इनकार नहीं कर सकते। एक आम आदमी के तौर पर मैं कह सकता हूँ कि उतरते समय विमान उस जगह जमीन पर नहीं उतरा, जहां उसे उतरना चाहिए था और हवाई पट्टी के अंत में पहुंच गया।"

उन्होंने कहा, "केवल हवाई अड्डा प्राधिकरण या नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय ही बता सकता है कि क्या हुआ, लेकिन मैं कह सकता हूँ कि उतरने में कोई समस्या थी। हमने देखा कि रनवे खत्म हो चुका था। अग्निहोत्री ने कहा कि सभी यात्री लगभग 20-25 मिनट तक विमान में ही रहे और धर्मशाला की उड़ान रद्द कर दी गई। मुख्यमंत्री सुखविंदर सिंह सुक्खू ने कहा कि यह मामले पर चर्चा करने के लिये नागर विमानन मंत्री से बात करेंगे। उन्होंने कहा, "मुझे बताया गया है कि टायर फटने के बाद आपातकालीन ब्रेक लगाने पड़े और मैं इस संबंध में नागर विमानन मंत्री से बात करूंगा।"

Air India seeks lower landing charges for long-haul, ultra-long-haul flights

NEW DELHI, March 23: Air India has sought incentives for increasing the international to international traffic at the Delhi airport as well as lower landing charges for long-haul and ultra-long-haul flights.

The suggestions have been made by the Tata Group-owned airline to the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) on the tariff proposal for the Delhi airport for the 2024-29 control periods.

The airline is slowly expanding its wide-body operations as well as network to cater to rising air traffic demand.

When asked about the airline's suggestions, Air India CEO and MD Campbell Wilson said that the economic structure of the market should be supportive of the efforts to make India an aviation hub.

DIAL, the operator of the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in the national capital, has proposed different user fees for econo-



my and business class passengers as well as for peak and off-peak hours.

According to Air India, the variable tariff proposal needs to include incentives for increasing I2I (International to International) traffic at the Delhi airport, which may be introduced by the regulator.

Among other suggestions, Air India has said AERA may consider reducing the landing charges for long-haul and ultra-long-haul flights by at least 30 per cent on a per MT (Metric Tonne) basis.

Generally, long-haul flights have a duration of more than nine hours while ultra-long-haul flights are those having

a duration of 16 hours or more. Air India operates ultra-long-haul flights to North America.

"AERA may consider a waiver of landing charges and reduce the UDF charges by 20 per cent to promote utilisation of wide-body on domestic flights," the submission signed by P Balaji, group head of GRC (Governance, Regulatory, Compliance) & Corporate Affairs at Air India, said.

Noting that Delhi and Mumbai would be important hubs for both I2I and D2I (Domestic to International) passenger flows; the airline also said that the current consultation and determination

of tariffs on IGIA would have an impact on the creation of an aviation hub.

Earlier this week, Wilson said that the ambition of the government is to build India as an aviation hub and to use that as a catalyst for the economic activities that aviation brings.

"Presently, a lot of that benefits accrue to foreign countries where they have a lot of traffic from India... more wide-body services, building a hub out of Delhi or Mumbai will increase the transit traffic... as a consequence, we think that the economic structure of the market should be supportive of that," he said. - PTI



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Indian carriers have a younger fleet; half the planes are less than 5 years old

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Over half of India's 800 aircraft plus airline fleet is less than five years old; planes older than 15 years account for 13 per cent of the total, the Civil Aviation Ministry informed the Rajya Sabha on Monday. A young fleet helps an airline to lower its emissions and reduce its maintenance costs, besides providing better service.

IndiGo, which is the largest airline in the country, has the highest number of planes less than five years old. Around 65 per cent of its 403 aircraft-strong fleet is less than five years old.

The Ministry's reply indicates it has 84 aircraft grounded due to engine-related and other issues. IndiGo did not respond to a query on Monday. In January, IndiGo had said the number of



WING SPAN

- 813 planes in total
- 680 aircraft in operation
- 435 aircraft less than 5 five years old
- At 283, IndiGo has highest number of planes under five years; SpiceJet does not have any planes in 0-5 age bracket

grounded planes are about 60 and these would reduce to around 40 from the start of the new fiscal year.

WHAT DATA SHOW

According to the Civil Aviation Ministry's response, there are 813 aircraft in the

fleet of scheduled airlines. Of these, 680 planes are operational and 133 are grounded, the Ministry said.

The figures do not include wet-leased aircraft (those operated by foreign pilots and crew).

The data show 435 out of

the 813 planes are aged between 0-5 years, 185 planes are between 5-10 years of age, 88 planes are in 10-15 year bracket and 105 are over 15 years old.

While SpiceJet has no aircraft under five years of age, Air India and Air India Express have highest number of planes above 15 years old: 43 and 37 respectively.

The DGCA has not prescribed guidelines specifying life span for an aircraft to fly in India. "Aircraft are considered airworthy provided the maintenance is as per approved schedule laid down by the manufacturer," Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol said.

"Aircraft registered in India may operate as long as the type certificate is valid and the aircraft is under production or maintenance support provided by the manufacturer for continuous operation," he said.

‘डिजि यात्रा’ सुविधा अब 24 हवाई अड्डों पर उपलब्ध

सरकार ने सोमवार को बताया कि हवाई अड्डों पर यात्रियों को परेशानी रहित यात्रा के लिए 1 दिसंबर 2022 को शुरू की गई ‘डिजि यात्रा’ सुविधा अब 24 हवाई अड्डों पर उपलब्ध है और इसे चरणबद्ध आधार पर देश भर के सभी हवाई अड्डों पर आरंभ किया जाएगा। राज्यसभा को एक प्रश्न के लिखित उत्तर में नागर विमानन मंत्री किंजरापु राममोहन नायडू ने यह जानकारी दी। उन्होंने बताया कि इस सुविधा की शुरुआत दिल्ली, बैंगलुरु और वाराणसी हवाई अड्डों पर की गई थी। नायडू ने बताया कि ‘डिजि यात्रा’ शुरू होने के बाद से

एक करोड़ से अधिक हवाई यात्रियों ने ‘डिजि यात्रा एप्लीकेशन’ डाउनलोड किया और डिजी यात्रा सक्षम हवाई अड्डों पर इसका उपयोग पांच करोड़ से अधिक बार किया गया है। उन्होंने बताया कि डिजी यात्रा में डेटा सुरक्षा व गोपनीयता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए डिजि यात्रा सेंटरल इकोसिस्टम को गोपनीयता के मूल सिद्धांतों पर तैयार किया गया है। इसके तहत यात्री के स्मार्टफोन वॉलेट में संग्रहित डेटा केवल मूल हवाई अड्डे के साथ सीमित अवधि के लिए साझा किया जाता है जहां यात्री को अपनी पहचान यानी आईडी की पुष्टि करनी होती है।

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Airbus, Boeing eye fast output as plastics loom for future jets

REUTERS
Paris, 24 March

Airbus and Boeing are preparing the aerospace industry for sharp increases in output of the next generation of workhorse jets to some 100 a month each, as they explore lighter plastic materials and robotic assembly, industry sources said.

Facing weak supply chains and a potentially lengthy wait for future engine developments, the world's two largest planemakers are years away from launching projects to replace their decades-old Boeing 737 and Airbus A320 series, which remain in demand.

But both told a packed technical audience at a Paris composites fair this month that they were already making progress in researching what the succeeding generation of models could

be made of - and in turn how fast they could be built.

"The goal is to recommend the best approach to transition... (to) the next airplane programme," Randy Wilkerson, who represents Boeing in a Nasa research project for high-capacity manufacturing called HiCAM, told the JEC World conference in Paris.

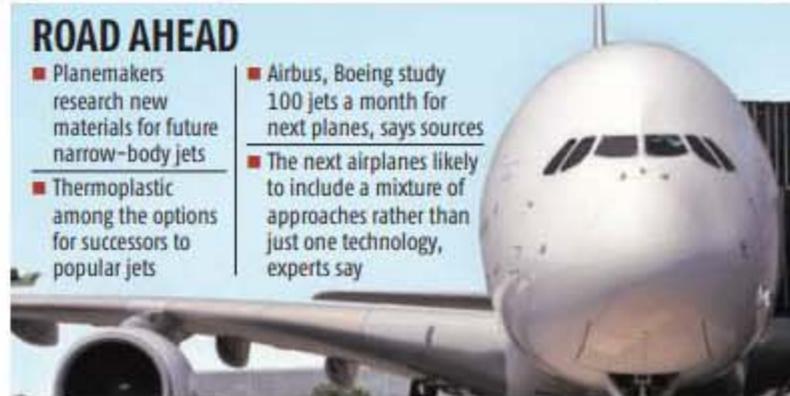
The airplanes that future models would replace are built of aluminium under methods perfected over decades. But composites are being considered for their lighter weight and flowing shape.

Already heavily used on larger jets like the Boeing 787 and Airbus A350, composites save fuel and emissions but currently need time-consuming handling in pressurised autoclave ovens.

To meet the demand for much larger numbers of small jets, both planemakers are increasingly studying

ROAD AHEAD

- Planemakers research new materials for future narrow-body jets
- Thermoplastic among the options for successors to popular jets
- Airbus, Boeing study 100 jets a month for next planes, says sources
- The next airplanes likely to include a mixture of approaches rather than just one technology, experts say



manufacturing based on novel materials like thermoplastics at faster speeds.

Speakers said ongoing studies assume future production of 80 jets a month each for Airbus and Boeing; more

than twice what Boeing is producing now, following a safety crisis, and higher than Airbus' repeatedly delayed target of 75 a month.

However, sources told *Reuters* that

both planemakers are telling the composites industry they want to go even further and be ready for speeds as high as 100 a month each, a blistering pace equivalent to one roughly 200-seat jet every few hours.

Boeing and Airbus declined to comment. It's a major gamble for an industry that first used composites in the 1970s but never at such ambitious rates.

Analysts say production capacity will be as important a battleground in tomorrow's jet industry as picking the right designs, as the West faces rising competition from China.

Until now structural parts for jets like the 787 have been made of a type of composite known as thermoset, which maintains its shape and toughness once cured in autoclaves.

Possible future techniques include an evolution of the existing production

system with faster curing times. "It's a lower risk approach but has a lot of potential," Wilkerson said.

Also in the mix is resin infusion - a technique typically used to make boats but which could be used to make automated production of some components without needing an autoclave.

But increasingly, thermoplastics are causing a buzz in aerospace, according to delegates at the world's largest composites event, where Airbus, GKN and others showcased part of the world's largest thermoplastic fuselage structure.

The advantage of thermoplastic is that it can be reheated and remoulded to produce a single, flowing aerodynamic shape. "You can melt it and reshape it in any way you like," said Lukas Raps of German Aerospace Centre DLR.

Such parts can also be welded using advanced methods like ultrasound rather than attached with rivets, reducing weight.



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Fare play

DGCA's information demands are excessive

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation's (DGCA's) demand for airlines to submit granular, ticket-wise data on airfares for the past two years flies against the trajectory of the Indian aviation industry over the past three decades. It has raised afresh the spectre of regulated airfares, which could ground the sector. The regulator has denied such plans; it has said the objective of seeking such detailed data is for analysis. This explanation does not fully outline the purpose of such an "analysis" but it does suggest a misunderstanding of the basic mechanics of airlines' competitiveness.

Ever since the concept of low-cost carriers flew into the Indian aviation scene in 2003 and dynamic pricing entered the lexicon soon after, airlines have jostled to price their tickets as competitively as possible to maximise market share. Doing so is an intricate exercise, involving managing different fare slabs and charging various price points within fare slabs in response to market conditions. Globally, as much as in India, an airline's skill in managing such daily complexities and balancing costs determines its success in the marketplace. The critical point, as the Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA) has pointed out, is that divulging such confidential data in the public domain amounts to risks to airlines' competitiveness.

The FIA represents India's largest airlines such as Air India, IndiGo, and SpiceJet. The DGCA does monitor airfares randomly every month to ensure that they do not exceed the price range set by airlines. This is an acceptable level of inspection, which prevents airlines from indulging in outright price gouging. This time, however, the aviation regulator's demand appears to be a response to online indignation expressed by travellers and certain members of Parliament, calling for greater scrutiny of high airfares during the Kumbh Mela rather than addressing a structural consumer issue. No surprise, airlines have offered to share only an analysis of the percentage of tickets sold in various slabs on different routes. The fact that the DGCA has tasked Tata Consultancy Services with the analysis is also problematic in theory since the software major belongs to the group that owns and operates Air India.

The domestic aviation business has been one of the showcases of the virtues of deregulation and open competition. The Indian government's deregulation of air fares after 1994, four years after it introduced its open skies policy, readied the runway for private airlines to soar, setting new standards of service and introducing concepts in pricing. Since then, the only time the DGCA has stepped in to regulate fares was during the pandemic — in 2020 — when it stipulated a floor and ceiling on air fares. But that episode was a specific response to an emergency. This relative hands-off policy, backed by a robust expansion in airport infrastructure, both private- and government-owned, has seen the market skyrocket and expand the geographical and socio-economic reach of aviation. India has become the world's third-largest aviation market, flying over 300 million passengers in 2024. Today, several Indian airlines compete globally via international operations. Demanding proprietary information is not the best way to enhance the competitiveness of an industry.

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Clear sky ahead: IndiGo set to gain further altitude

DEVANGSHU DATTA

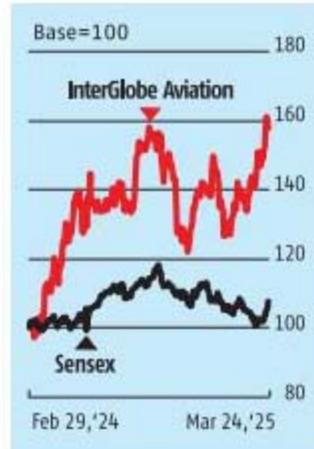
InterGlobe Aviation, the operator of IndiGo airline, holds dominant domestic market share, with around 65 per cent of India's aviation market. The Indian aviation industry is witnessing rapid expansion. Domestic air travel is set to double by 2030 (CY30) to 510 million (from 242 million in FY25) due to macro-trends like rising middle-class incomes, and the government policy favouring airport infrastructure development. India could also be the fifth-largest outbound tourist market by 2027.

IndiGo, as the market leader, should be best positioned to capitalise on these trends. While maintaining dominance in the

domestic market, it is growing its international presence. It has one the largest aircraft orders in global aviation history, with 925 aircraft deliveries due by 2035. This includes the A321 XLR for mid-haul and A350 widebody for long-haul routes.

The airline leads in its operational metrics, including on-time performance, aircraft utilisation, and cost efficiencies such as a fuel-efficient fleet and streamlined network optimisation. It is also expanding non-ticket revenue sources, including IndiGo Stretch (business class seating), BluChip (loyalty programme), and its growing cargo division.

IndiGo posted ₹79,500 crore in total income for the 12 months ending CY24, with 18 per cent



year-on-year (Y-o-Y) growth. Profit after tax (PAT) at ₹6,100 crore showcases its strengths, despite global headwinds. The

company has a good balance sheet, with free cash reserves tripling since March 2020. This provides a safety net against shocks and supports fleet expansion.

IndiGo aims to double its size by CY30, targeting a fleet of 600+ aircraft and 200 million passengers annually. Future fleet expansion includes A350-900 aircraft deliveries starting CY27, ensuring long-term international growth. It is also shifting toward direct agent engagement to enhance customer reach and sales efficiency while implementing AI-driven solutions to enhance customer experience, employee efficiency, and operational processes.

In FY26, IndiGo expects low

double-digit Y-o-Y capacity growth, supported by over one aircraft delivery per week in CY25. It served 106.7 million customers in FY24, with a net increase of 63 aircraft.

The company had eight strategic partners with a 27 per cent international share in terms of available seats per kilometre (ASK) in FY24 – it hopes to grow this to 40 per cent by CY30.

IndiGo also has among the lowest costs per ASK globally, excluding fuel and forex at around \$3.37 (October 2023–September 2024). Cost improvement is set to continue as IndiGo is exploring in-house MRO (maintenance, repair and overhaul) options with centres in Bengaluru and Delhi. It is also going to reconfigure 40 aircraft

(from 14) to include business class seats to improve yields.

In the short term, the ongoing January-March quarter (Q4) of FY25 is likely to be better than earlier guidance due to strong passenger growth (up 17 per cent Y-o-Y).

Management expects IndiGo's passengers at 118 million in FY25 (up 11 per cent Y-o-Y). Given the moderation in oil prices, spreads are likely to expand.

IndiGo's future plans imply a strong international presence, which seems achievable, given a large diaspora, rising outbound tourism, and India's strategic location for developing as an aircraft hub. International passengers are expected to more than double by 2030. It has already started damp-leasing larger aircraft to prepare for this expansion overseas. This would diversify earnings across

currencies, also creating a buffer against currency and fuel fluctuations.

Pilot availability is stable, while digitisation is being revamped rapidly. However, there are concerns about the speed of order fulfilment as there could be prolonged delays in aircraft delivery.

Air India's CEO has suggested that the global aircraft shortage will continue for 4-5 years, while Boeing is projecting a run rate of two aircraft per month for Indian carriers (Air India, Akasa). So, this could be a roadblock to expansion plans. The stock's current valuations are rich at an estimated 20 times the projected FY26 earnings.

According to *Bloomberg*, nine of the 13 analysts polled in March are bullish on the stock; one has a 'sell' rating, while the rest are 'neutral'. Their average one-year target price for the stock is ₹5,313.



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DAINIK BHASKAR

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विमान टिकट लेते ही मिलेगी अधिकारों की पूरी जानकारी

नई दिल्ली। एयरलाइंस को अब टिकट बुकिंग के समय यात्रियों को उनके अधिकारों की जानकारी ऑनलाइन लिंक के जरिए भेजनी होगी। यह जानकारी एसएमएस या वॉट्सएप से दी जाएगी। इससे यात्रियों को फ्लाइट देरी, कैसिलेशन, बोर्डिंग से इनकार, बैगेज से जुड़ी समस्याओं में मदद मिलेगी। इस नियम को 27 मार्च तक लागू करना अनिवार्य है।



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Air India seeks lower landing charges for long-haul flights

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Air India has sought incentives for increasing the international to international traffic at the Delhi airport as well as lower landing charges for long-haul and ultra long-haul flights. The suggestions have been made by the Tata Group-owned airline to the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) on the tariff proposal for the Delhi airport for the 2024-29 control period.

The airline is slowly expanding its wide-body operations as well as network to cater to rising air traffic demand.

When asked about the air-



line's suggestions, Air India CEO and MD Campbell Wilson said that economic structure of the market should be supportive of the efforts to make India an aviation hub.

DIAL, the operator of the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in the national capital, has proposed different user fees for economy and business class passen-

gers as well as for peak and off-peak hours.

According to Air India, the variable tariff proposal needs to include incentive for increasing I2I (International to International) traffic at the Delhi airport, which may be introduced by the regulator.

Among other suggestions, Air India has said AERA may consider reducing the landing charges for long-

haul and ultra long-haul flights by at least 30 per cent on a per MT (Metric Tonne) basis.

Generally, long-haul flights have a duration of more than nine hours while ultra long-haul flights are those having a duration of 16 hours or more. Air India operates ultra long-haul flights to North America.

"AERA may consider a waiver of landing charges and reduce the UDF charges by 20 per cent to promote utilisation of wide-body on domestic flights," the submission signed by P Balaji, Group Head of GRC (Governance, Regulatory, Compliance) & Corporate Affairs at Air India, said.



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फ्लाइट की टिकट बुक करते ही वाट्सएप पर अधिकारों, नियमों की जानकारी

नई दिल्ली, एएनआइ: नागरिक विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने यात्रियों की सुविधा के लिए दिशानिर्देश जारी किए हैं। सभी एयरलाइनों को निर्देश दिया गया है कि वे टिकट बुक होने के बाद नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय पर उपलब्ध यात्री चार्टर का आनलाइन लिंक यात्री को (एसएमएस/वाट्सएप) मैसेज के रूप में भेजें ताकि यात्रियों को उनके अधिकारों के बारे में जानकारी मिल सके। इस लिंक में यात्रियों के अधिकारों, नियमों और शिकायत निवारण की पूरी जानकारी होगी, जिससे उन्हें किसी भी समस्या के समाधान में आसानी हो। यह जानकारी एयरलाइन की वेबसाइट और टिकट पर भी प्रमुखता से होनी चाहिए। विमानन नियामक ने विमान सेवा देने वाली कंपनियों को यात्रियों से जुड़े नियमों और ग्राहकों के अधिकारों से संबंधित प्रविधानों का प्रचार-प्रसार करने का निर्देश दिया है। सात मार्च को सभी एयरलाइंस को पत्र भेजा और 27 मार्च तक लागू करने की बात कही गई है। आदेश के बाद सभी एयरलाइन कंपनियों ने अपने सिस्टम में बदलाव करना शुरू कर दिए हैं।

● **RATING: BUY**

IndiGo may benefit from lower fuel costs

● Revenue per km and cost per km revised for FY26-27

WE RAISE OUR fair value (FV) to ₹6,100 (from ₹5,700), factoring in the benefits of a lower crude oil price assumption (US\$70/bbl vs US\$80/bbl), of which IndiGo is expected to retain about half. We build in stiffer airport charges to account for the uptick at Delhi Airport. Our yield assumptions of 0% and 2% growth for FY2026 and FY2027, respectively, present potential upside risks, especially amid supply constraints—an issue highlighted by IndiGo's key competitor. Recent data indicates that this peer would require three or more aircraft additions per month to meet its y-o-y ASK growth, compared to Boeing's guidance of just two aircraft per month for Air India and Akasa over the next two years. We maintain our BUY rating.

We factor in a lower crude price assumption of US\$70/bbl (revised KIE estimate), driven by rising US supply, a shifting geopolitical landscape under the new US administra-

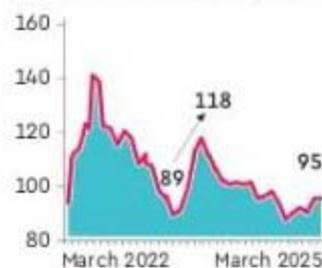
tion, subdued global oil demand, and limited scope for additional output from OPEC+ in a weak crude price environment (with prices hitting three-year lows in early March). This translates to a 13 paise reduction in CASK for FY2026, of which we assume airlines retain half, with the remainder likely passed on to consumers via lower airfares—supporting deeper air travel penetration in the country. Notably, airlines' ability to retain fuel cost benefits has improved in recent quarters.

CASK ex-fuel ex-forex to see inflationary pressure owing to higher airport costs

Part of the benefit of lower crude is negated with us increasing CASK ex-fuel ex-forex due to higher airport charges at Delhi Airport. The

AT A GLANCE

Movement in ATF prices (₹/liter)



Source: IOCL, Kotak Institutional Equities

same takes away 3 paise of the 7 paise benefit assumed to be retained by airlines from lower crude. We expect CASK ex-fuel ex-forex to see



Boeing, while IndiGo received two new aircraft from Airbus. Air India's volumes from Boeing are expected to halve to two per month, while IndiGo expects more than four aircraft per month incrementally.

We increase our revenue per available seat kilometer (RASK) and the cost per available seat kilometer (CASK) spread assumptions over lower crude prices for FY2026/27, implying a 42/53 paise spread for 2026/27 (46 paise in 2024). The y-o-y uptick in spreads in FY2027 happens as effects of aircraft on ground (AOG) recede and the uptick in Delhi Airport's charge gets passed on with a lag. Our ₹6,100 FV implies 22X 2027 earnings. We note a downside risk for our assumptions from global uncertainty, forex impact and any short-term inflationary pressure from pilot shortage amid rising air traffic in the country. However, flat y-o-y pricing in FY2026 suggests scope to pass on additional costs over time.

inflationary pressure in FY2026, owing to higher aero tariffs at Delhi Airport; the same is expected to be covered from lower crude price, resulting in a 42 paise spread for 2026 (46 paise in 2024) and 53 paise in FY2027.

Feb 2025 domestic market share cools down from Jan 2025 high

Domestic passenger growth in Feb 2025 stands at 11% y-o-y, with IndiGo growing at 17.6% y-o-y (on a lower base impacted due to a P&W issue). Load factor stands healthy at 91.7% (360 bps higher y-o-y), while market share cools down to 63.7% in the month from January 2025's high of 65.2%. February has seen Air India receive four new aircraft from



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GROWTH AND INNOVATION | Rise in number of airports and air passengers presents scope for growth; two existing carriers account for 90% of passengers

Three new airlines to shake up country's aviation sector

Dhairya Gajara

MUMBAI

Akasa Air, launched in December 2021, will soon lose its tag of India's youngest airline. The year 2025 will see the launch of three carriers within the span of a few months.

With a rise in the number of airports and air passengers, India's aviation industry has a huge scope of growth. The country currently has 12 airlines. However, the market share is concentrated with only two carriers catering to more than 90% of passengers. Air Kerala, Alhind Air and Shankh Air will be hoping to muscle in on their territory.

All three airlines were founded in 2024 and are expected to start operations this year. They have already received no-objection certificates from the Ministry of Civil Aviation and are now in process of getting the final air operator certificate from the



Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

Air Kerala and Alhind Air will be based in Kerala. They will initially focus on the southern states and expand to cater to international demands, especially from Gulf countries.

Air Kerala is set to become India's first ultra low-cost carrier. It will start its domestic journey in 2025 and international flights in 2026. The airline's primary focus is to connect the state's Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities with major hubs. It also plans to go international to serve the large Malayali community in the Middle East.

The airline was originally

conceived by the state government in 2005 but did not materialise due to regulatory challenges. However, the private initiative will operate under Zettfly Aviation, which is the brainchild of UAE-based entrepreneurs Afi Ahmed and Ayub Kallada, now serving as the airline's chairman and vice chairman, respectively. The airline's fleet includes three ATR 72-600s, and it will operate from Cochin International Airport.

Simultaneously, Calicut-based Alhind Group, a tour and travel agency, will make its debut in the aviation industry by launching Alhind Air as a regional airline. The carrier aims to expand to interna-

tional destinations, particularly the Gulf, within two years.

The airline will operate from Cochin International Airport with two ATR 72-600 aircraft and scale up its fleet to seven aircraft within a year.

Shankh Air, meanwhile, will be Uttar Pradesh's first scheduled full-service airline. The airline will operate from the upcoming Noida Jewar International Airport and connect major cities within and outside UP.

Shankh Air plans to lease its first narrow-body aircraft by the end of March as it aims to start operations with two leased aircraft. The airline also plans to expand its presence to the international market by 2027. The airline's chairman, Shruvan Kumar Vishwakarma, has reportedly committed \$50 million in initial funding while its parent company Shankh Trading Pvt Ltd has pledged \$200 million for its launch and expansion.

IN BRIEF

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GREATER KASHMIR

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Probe chartered flight spending during 3 years: NC

GK News Service
Srinagar, Mar 22



National Conference (NC) State Spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar Saturday expressed grave concern over

the exorbitant spending of public funds on chartered flights during the last three years emphasising that such reckless expenditure is intolerable and demands a thorough investigation.

In a statement he expressed grave concern over the use of chartered flights and excessive spending amounting to Rs 35 crore in J&K. Imran emphasised the urgent need for a thorough investigation to determine the validity of these actions. "Who approved such extravagant spending? Who were the individuals benefiting from it? This

issue involves the misuse of public funds, which clearly falls under the jurisdiction of the assembly and elected govt. The plane, purchased with taxpayers' money, was left exposed to the elements at Jammu airport for five years - a clear display of negligence. Why was it left out in the sun in such a manner? It is imperative that those responsible for these actions are held accountable. The misuse of public funds and resources cannot be tolerated. The people of Jammu and Kashmir deserve transparency and accountability," he said.

Shocked by the BJP's attempts to shield mis-handling of funds, he said, "What is bothering the BJP? We are simply seeking accountability. Who is the BJP trying to protect? The chaos caused by BJP MLAs clearly indicate their involvement in the embezzlement."



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उड़ान योजना के तहत लाखों लोगों ने यात्रा की

नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने सोमवार को बताया कि 21 अक्टूबर 2016 को 10 साल की अवधि के लिए शुरू की गई क्षेत्रीय संपर्क योजना (आरसीएस) 'उड़े देश का आम नागरिक' (उड़ान) के तहत कुल 625 आरसीएस मार्गों को चालू किया गया है तथा 149 लाख से अधिक लोग अब तक यात्रा कर चुके हैं। नागर विमानन मंत्री किजरापु राममोहन नायडू ने राज्यसभा को यह जानकारी दी।



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Fleet of operational aircraft totals 680, IndiGo tops list

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NEW DELHI: Indian airlines currently have 680 operational aircraft for travellers, minister of state for civil aviation Murlidhar Mohol informed Parliament on Monday.

While replying to MP Parimal Nathwani, Mohol gave details of operational aircraft with the Indian airlines.

According to government data, the largest fleet is held by IndiGo, with 319 aircraft currently in service, making it the dominant player in the Indian

aviation market. Air India follows with 198 operational aircraft, reflecting its extensive network and legacy status. Other notable players include Air India Express with 101 aircraft, serving mainly international routes, and Akasa, a relatively new entrant, with 27 aircraft.

Smaller carriers like SpiceJet operate 19 aircraft, while regional carrier Star Air has eight. Just Udo Aviation, a low-cost airline, operates two aircraft. When asked if there were rules of a maximum permissible age for aircraft to be used for passenger travel, Mohol, in his



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written reply stated, "The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has not prescribed guidelines specifying life for an aircraft to fly in India. Aircraft

are considered airworthy provided the maintenance is as per approved schedule laid down by the manufacturer. Aircraft registered in India may operate as long as the type certificate is valid to the type of Aircraft and the aircraft is under production/maintenance support provided by the Manufacturer for the continuous operation of the aircraft."

"The aircraft may be withdrawn from operation by an operator, in case it becomes 'beyond economic repair' or is 'permanently withdrawn from use' due to any reason such as

spares not available," the reply read.

In recent years, Indian airlines have placed significant orders for new aircraft to expand and modernise their fleets. The new additions aim to improve operational efficiency, reduce fuel consumption, and meet growing passenger demand in the country's rapidly expanding aviation market. Mohol also said that the DGCA's regulations align with international standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).



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Airlines now mandated to inform passengers of their rights via SMS

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NEW DELHI: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has introduced a new directive requiring airlines to proactively inform passengers of their rights. Under this mandate, all airlines must send passengers a link to the Ministry of Civil Aviation's passenger charter via SMS or WhatsApp upon ticket booking. Additionally, airlines must ensure this information is prominently displayed on tickets and their websites.

The move follows a recent controversy involving an 83-year-old woman who was denied a pre-booked wheelchair by IndiGo Airlines at Delhi Airport. The incident sparked criticism and underscored a broader issue of passenger rights awareness. "Passengers are often unaware of their entitlements, leading to

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By making passenger rights easily accessible, authorities hope to hold airlines accountable for service commitments. The new directive highlights the need for airlines to communicate these rights clearly. "Passengers need to be informed in real time, whether through digital communication or on their tickets," an aviation industry expert noted.

Under the Ministry of Civil Aviation's charter, if an airline cancels a flight less than two weeks before departure but at least 24 hours in advance, it must offer an alternative flight or a full refund. If a passenger is denied boarding despite holding a valid ticket and checking in on time, the airline must provide compensation unless an alternative flight departs within an hour. In cases of flight delays exceeding six hours, airlines must inform passengers in advance and offer an alternative flight or a refund. Delays beyond 24 hours require airlines to provide complimentary accommodation. Compensation for lost baggage is set at Rs. 3,000 per kilogram, while compensation for delayed or damaged baggage is Rs. 1,000 per kilogram. In the event of a passenger's death or injury due to an accident during flight operations, airlines must compensate up to Rs 20 lakh. Airlines are obligated to provide free wheelchair assistance to passengers with disabilities or impaired mobility. Refunds for cancelled flights must be processed within seven days for credit card payments and within 30 days for cash transactions. Passengers on flights delayed by over two hours for domestic routes or four hours for international routes must receive free meals and refreshments. If a flight is diverted and passengers are not transported to their destination within six hours, the airline must arrange alternative travel or provide a full refund. Airlines must transparently display ticket prices, including all taxes and fees, without hidden charges.

This directive is expected to improve transparency and reduce disputes between airlines and passengers. With clearer guidelines in place, authorities anticipate smoother travel experiences and greater passenger confidence in airline services.

Airlines now

unnecessary inconvenience. This step ensures that they have access to the necessary information at all times," a DGCA official stated.



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EaseMyTrip enters aviation mkt; to acquire 49% stake in Big Charter

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TRAVEL platform firm - EaseMyTrip - said on Monday that it has received in-principle Board approval to acquire a 49% stake in Big Charter Pvt Ltd, a player in India's charter aviation sector. This marks EaseMyTrip's entry into the charter and non-scheduled aviation market. Financial details of the deal have not been disclosed.

"The integration of their (Big Chart) Non-Scheduled Operator Permit (NSOP) operations will allow us to cater to a wider range of premium customers, further solidifying our commitment to driving the growth of India's charter aviation market," said Nishant Pitti, Chairman and Founder of EaseMyTrip. Pitti has regularly shown interest in acquiring the defunct airline Go First.

The proposed acquisition of Big Charter by EaseMyTrip comes as the Delhi-based company is looking to diversify from its mainstay ticket booking business.

In September last year, EaseMyTrip announced venturing into the electric bus manufacturing market through its new subsidiary, Easy Green Mobility. The company last month

reported a 26.3% year-on-year (YoY) drop in net profit at ₹33.6 crore for the third quarter that ended December 31, 2024, from ₹45.6 crore in the same quarter in FY24.

The Indian charter aviation industry, currently valued at \$650.5 million, is projected to grow to \$1.14 billion by 2033. This growth, as per EaseMyTrip, is fueled by increasing demand for regional connectivity, corporate travel, and private flying. This acquisition, as per EaseMyTrip, will strengthen the company's position as a comprehensive travel provider, enabling it to capitalise on high-margin segments like charter services and NSOP operations.

Furthermore, the acquisition aligns with EaseMyTrip's broader mission to democratise travel, particularly in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, where Big Charter has a solid presence, the company said.

In FY 2023-24, Big Charter generated ₹128.75 crore in revenue. Sanjay Mandavia, Director of Big Charter, said, "Together, we are positioned to offer a more accessible and seamless travel experience, strengthening our mission to provide affordable, reliable, and high-quality travel options across India."





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उड़ान योजना के तहत 1.49 करोड़ यात्री उड़े

■ NBT रिपोर्ट, नई दिल्ली: उड़े देश का आम नागरिक (उड़ान) योजना के तहत अभी तक एक करोड़ 49 लाख से अधिक लोग यात्रा कर चुके हैं। इस स्कीम से 625 आरसीएस रूट कनेक्ट किए जा चुके हैं। केंद्रीय नागर विमानन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने सोमवार को राज्यसभा में सवाल के जवाब में यह जानकारी दी। केंद्रीय मंत्री नायडू ने बताया कि 21 अक्टूबर 2016 को 10 साल के लिए शुरू की गई इस स्कीम में 625 आरसीएस रूट में 13 'हेलीपैट' और दो



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'वॉटर एयरोड्रोम' भी हैं। उड़ान योजना शुरू होने के बाद से 32 राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों को शामिल करने वाली

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दिल्ली से बेंगलुरु जाने वाली उड़ान का मार्ग बदला बेंगलुरु। नयी दिल्ली से बेंगलुरु जाने वाली एअर इंडिया की एक उड़ान को रनवे पर परिचालन संबंधी कुछ दिक्कतों के कारण सोमवार को चेन्नई की ओर मोड़ दिया गया। सूत्रों ने यह जानकारी दी। एअर इंडिया ने उड़ान संख्या एआई2415 के मार्ग में बदलाव किए जाने और उसे चेन्नई की तरफ मोड़े जाने की पुष्टि की। यह विमान दिल्ली से सुबह नौ बजकर 55 मिनट पर रवाना हुआ और इसे दोपहर में 12 बजकर 50 मिनट पर बेंगलुरु पहुंचना था। एअर इंडिया के एक अधिकारी ने बताया, 'हां, हमारी दिल्ली-बेंगलुरु उड़ान का मार्ग परिवर्तित किया गया था। यह केवल कुछ समय के लिए था। समस्या दूर होने के तुरंत बाद विमान ने बेंगलुरु की तरफ उड़ान भरी।'



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DGCA instructs
airlines to inform
passengers about
rights via SMS,
WhatsApp

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The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has instructed all airlines to actively inform passengers about their rights and passenger-centric regulations.

Airlines must share the online link to the passenger charter, available on the Ministry of Civil Aviation's website, via SMS or WhatsApp when a ticket is booked. This information should be prominently displayed on airline tickets and websites to ensure passengers are aware of their rights, the DGCA said.



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THE TELEGRAPH

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Warner flight angst

■ **NEW DELHI:** Former Australian cricketer David Warner has slammed Air India for allegedly boarding passengers on an aircraft with no pilot, resulting in a massive delay. Warner expressed his disappointment in a post on X after boarding a flight from Bengaluru airport on Saturday night. **NATION**



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David Warner: File picture

Warner slams AI over flight with no pilot

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New Delhi: Former Australian cricketer David Warner has ripped into Air India for allegedly boarding passengers on an aircraft with no pilot, resulting in a massive delay.

Warner, one of the most destructive openers across formats, expressed his disappointment in a post on X after boarding a flight from Bengaluru airport on Saturday night.

"We've boarded a plane with no pilots and waiting on the plane for hours. Why would you board passengers knowing that you have no pilots for the flight?" Warner wrote on X.

Responding to his post, Air India said challenging weather in Bengaluru caused diversions and delays across all airlines.

"Dear Mr Warner, today's challenging weather in Bengaluru caused diversions and delays across all airlines. The crew operating your flight was held up on an earlier assignment affected by these disruptions, which led to a delay in departure. We appreciate your patience and thank you for choosing to fly with us," Air India posted on X.

After going unsold in the IPL 2025 auction, Warner registered for the Pakistan Super League (PSL) and was picked up by Karachi Kings.

NCP (SP) MP Supriya Sule had slammed Air India on Saturday for "constant mismanagement" and termed the flight delays a continuous trend affecting passengers despite paying premium fares.

A month ago, Union agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had raised a complaint against Air India for being allotted a "broken" seat.

Why Can't Indians Fly In Style Like Singaporeans?

Clogged airline toilets are too much. But these are hardly isolated problems with our airlines. Not one carrier delivers the kind of global excellence that's seen in Indian hospitality

Chetan Bhagat



A recent 'toilet case' has seen heated debate on and off social media – precisely because it speaks to a larger Indian reality. On the morning of March 5, 2025, an Air India flight took off from Chicago for a 14-hour non-stop journey

to Delhi. Over 300 passengers were on board, and the aircraft had 12 toilets. As the flight progressed, one by one, each toilet became clogged.

Somewhere over Greenland, 11 of the toilets were completely unusable, leaving only one functioning, in business class. Faced with this crisis, the crew decided to turn the plane around. After 10 hours in the air, the flight landed back in Chicago.

What followed was chaos. Hundreds of passengers had to be accommodated, rerouted, or refunded. However, there simply weren't enough Air India staff members to assist them. Delta Airlines' employees reportedly stepped in out of sympathy, to help manage the situation. Passengers missed weddings, business appointments, and other important commitments.

It took two days to restore the plane to operational condition. According to Air India, passengers have flushed down blankets, underwear and diapers on previous occasions too, causing plumbing problems. But it's not just about toilets. Other complaints also keep surfacing. Union minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan recently shared how he was given a "broken" seat on an Air India flight.

What's going on? Air India was supposed to have been fixed, isn't it? The entire problem lay in it being a PSU right? Now it's private, owned by the Tata group, which runs Taj Mahal Palace hotel in Mumbai, Taj Lake

Palace in Udaipur, Taj Mansingh in New Delhi, The Pierre in New York. These are some of the best hotels in the world. So, why can't it deliver a top-tier airline?

Adding to the disappointment, Air India recently merged with Vistara, which was actually one of India's better-run airlines. The hope was Air India would be transformed into something like Vistara. Instead, Vistara has been swallowed up and its standards have now sunk to Air India's level.

We are told to be patient – that decades of PSU inefficiency cannot be undone overnight. Fine. But should we really accept a situation so bad that an entire flight has to turn around because of clogged toilets?

Even IndiGo, India's market leader, has seen a rise in customer complaints. But at least IndiGo is a low-cost carrier, and as long as you pre-order your sandwich

smaller Gulf nations have built Emirates, Qatar Airways, and Etihad – all offering luxury and reliability. Meanwhile, Indian airlines often feature on the Top 5 Airlines to Avoid lists.

Why? Taxation is too high, regulations onerous, aircraft old, airports are not at a level to support a global leader airline and so on. Yet another reason is that many Indians have no civic or common sense, no matter how rich they get. It takes a certain kind to try and flush their underwear down a tiny airline toilet, but somehow those kinds are often found in our great nation. We believe in looking out for ourselves, let the rest be damned.

And yet, all these above problems are solvable. Running an airline is no longer a particularly high-tech endeavour. Providing world-class luxury and service is not alien to us, we do it in our top hotels.

First, govt does have a big role to play, not in actually running an airline, but in creating enabling conditions to ensure a world-class airline can prosper. Many countries do not tax ATF. Others have regulations that are luxury-and-quality friendly. India still has to fully ditch the 1980s-babu mentality of viewing luxury as a sin.

Second, some operator must take the risk. Yes, we have had many Indian airlines fail. However, there has to be room for at least one great Indian airline.

Third, we Indians have to really care about Indian assets. Stop clogging toilets and spitting paan. Let's care more about quality and cleanliness. This chalta-hai attitude has led to the acceptance of mediocrity, which now seeps into many aspects of Indian life.

A world-class airline would elevate India's image on the global stage. It's not impossible – we have the resources, the talent and the market size to make it happen. It's time we prioritise this and ensure that India's place in the skies is as high as its ambitions on the ground.



before takeoff, you know exactly what to expect. The same applies to SpiceJet and Akasa. They operate on a no-frills model – getting you from Point A to Point B, nothing more. They never promised a world-class experience, never claimed to be luxurious.

The big question is, do we not deserve a great airline? A city-state boasts Singapore Airlines. Even



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Aircraft carrying HP dy CM overshoots Shimla runway

The 30-odd passengers, including Himachal Pradesh deputy CM Mukesh Agnihotri and state DGP Atul Verma, on board the Alliance Air ATR-42 flight from Delhi to Shimla had a narrow escape Monday morning when the aircraft allegedly overshoot the Jubberhatti tabletop 1,230-metre airstrip in Shimla. The aircraft is said to have landed beyond the touchdown point on the airstrip. According to eyewitnesses, the plane hit the studs marking the end of the runway before coming to a halt once emergency brakes were applied. The next flight from Shimla to Dharamshala was cancelled as airport authorities grounded the aircraft for technical inspection. The plane took off from Delhi at 7.05am and landed in Shimla at 08.20am. TNN



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Send flyers link to rights with tickets, DGCA directs airlines

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New Delhi: Directorate General of Civil Aviation has directed Indian airlines to provide passengers with a link detailing their rights along with their air tickets.

With a significant rise in air travel—many passengers being first-time flyers—DGCA chief Faiz Ahmed Kidwai stressed the need to inform travellers about their entitlements in cases of service deficiencies, flight delays (caused by factors within the airline's control), cancellations, denial of boarding, and baggage issues.



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IndiGo has reportedly informed the regulator that it will implement this directive by Tuesday.

"DGCA instructed all airlines to disseminate and emphasise passenger-centric regulations and rights. Airlines must send an online link to the passenger charter

—available on aviation ministry's website—via SMS or WhatsApp once a ticket is booked. This link should also be included on airline tickets and websites. Just as passengers have responsibilities while travelling, they should also be aware of their rights," an official said.

Airlines are currently updating their systems to ensure proper communication regarding passenger rights.

IndiGo, for instance, has informed DGCA that passengers can access the passenger charter under 'Quick Links' section on the website apart from the 'Notes' section while booking tickets.



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