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Ladakh steps up Leh airport security after Air Force alert

Cracks down on photos, videos of sensitive areas shared on social media

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The Ladakh administration has moved to tighten security and regulatory oversight around the strategically important Leh airport after the IAF raised serious concerns over the growing circulation of photographs and videos of sensitive operational areas on social media platforms.

Officials said the concerns were taken up during a high-level interdepartmental meeting chaired by Nidhi Malik, Administrative Secretary of Ladakh's Civil Aviation Department. The meeting reviewed a wide range of operational, infrastructure, aviation safety and security issues raised by

Air Force station Leh, which functions as a crucial defence facility with a civil aviation component.

The IAF had flagged that images and videos reportedly showing operational zones, runway layouts, aircraft movement and other restricted parts of the installation were increasingly being recorded and uploaded online, often by visitors and tourists. Officials noted that such material, once shared widely on social media, could pose a security risk in a sensitive high-altitude border region located close to the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Following the concerns, Malik directed the agencies concerned to strengthen enforcement of existing restrictions on photogra-

THE MEETING
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phy and videography in and around sensitive locations, launch public awareness campaigns on restricted areas, and formulate standard operating procedures to prevent unauthorised recording of defence-sensitive installations.

The issue had earlier been highlighted in a communication addressed to the office of the lieutenant-governor, prompting the administration to bring together departments and technical agencies for a

coordinated review. Officials said the objective was to balance civil aviation requirements, public convenience and tourism activity with the operational security needs of the Air Force station.

During the meeting, IAF representatives also gave detailed inputs on the proposed second runway, obstacle limitation requirements, airspace safety, terrain-related constraints and the need to remove physical obstructions that could adversely affect flight operations. They stressed that a scientific assessment of obstacles around the airport was necessary to ensure compliance with aviation safety standards and to meet future operational requirements.



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आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को फिर मिली अंतरराष्ट्रीय मान्यता

नई दिल्ली। इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आईजीआई) एयरपोर्ट पर तैनात केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (सीआईएसएफ) की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को एक बार फिर अंतरराष्ट्रीय मान्यता मिली है। सीआईएसएफ के एविएशन सिक्योरिटी ग्रुप (एसजी) दिल्ली को सुरक्षा संचालन के लिए आईएसओ गुणवत्ता प्रबंधन प्रमाणन का नवीनीकरण प्राप्त हुआ है। यह प्रमाणन 14 अप्रैल 2026 से 13 अप्रैल 2029 तक तीन वर्षों के लिए मान्य रहेगा। यह प्रमाणन विश्व की

स्वतंत्र मूल्यांकन संस्था डीएनवी ने विस्तृत जांच और आकलन के बाद प्रदान किया है। इस दौरान एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-1, टर्मिनल-2, टर्मिनल-3, कार्गो और अन्य परिचालन क्षेत्रों में सीआईएसएफ की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था, कार्यप्रणाली और गुणवत्ता मानकों का परीक्षण किया गया।

प्रमाणपत्र दिल्ली अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा लिमिटेड (डायल) के मुख्य सुरक्षा अधिकारी नवदीप सिंह हीरा ने सीआईएसएफ के मुख्य एयररोडम सुरक्षा अधिकारी एवं डीआईजी चाबू राम को सौंपा। ब्यूरो



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MUNDRA AIRPORT TO GIVE BOOST TO CONNECTIVITY

Gujarat, June 23: The launch of commercial flights from Adani Mundra Airport will boost connectivity and interface from Mundra, Adani Airport Holdings director Jeet Adani said on Tuesday.

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Travellers' phones targeted at B'luru airport

Video by an alert passenger
garners 28 lakh views on Insta

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A video alleging that scammers at Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) are attempting to access passengers' phones has gone viral, sparking concern.

Ranvijay, a Pune resident visiting the city, was approached at the airport on June 13 while trying to board a flight to Chennai.

"It was a weekend afternoon, and the airport was decently crowded. First, a middle-aged man approached me asking for my phone in order to book train tickets," he told *DH*.

"Something seemed fishy as he already had a functioning phone in his hand. So, I asked him to leave."

Soon after, a young man approached him, requesting to use his phone. "He looked like he was in his early 20s, or even younger. He wanted me to help him with a payment," he added.

"He wanted me to make a payment on his behalf and assured me that he would return the money once he got home. He kept insisting on using my phone to make the payment."

"He had a sheet in his hand with multiple QR codes. His persistence confirmed that he was trying to scam me. When I raised my voice and started gathering a crowd to question his actions, he quickly ran away."

The video, posted on Ranvijay's Instagram account on June 22, has since garnered 28 lakh views and 1.27 lakh shares.



Nobody asks for money anymore — they ask for access. Instead of asking for money, people now ask to borrow and use your phone under the guise of making a phone call or looking something up on the internet.

Similar incidents have previously been reported at the airport and the city's railway stations, passengers told *DH*.

"In the past two months, I have witnessed similar interactions both at the airport and at KSR railway station," said

Kamal, a resident of Basavanagudi.

"Instead of asking for money, people now ask to borrow and use your phone under the guise of making a phone call or looking something up on the internet."

The Railway Protection Force and KSRTC said their teams were on the ground but had received no formal complaints of this nature.

Airport police are investigating the Ranvijay incident, an official told *DH*.

"As no formal complaint was registered, we do not know when this incident took place. We have not received any complaints regarding these scams," he said.

"But on the basis of the viral video, we are trying to track down who these people are. We are also keeping a close eye to weed out any suspicious behaviour of a similar kind."

Police said they have increased patrolling in and around the airport to keep an eye on suspicious elements.

BIAL, the airport operator, declined to comment.



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Mundra Airport begins commercial flight ops

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MUMBAI

Adani-managed Mundra Airport began commercial operations on Tuesday with the arrival of its first scheduled Star Air flight from Goa, marking a major step in strengthening connectivity to Kutch and supporting Mundra's growth as a logistics and business hub.

Jeet Adani, Director of Adani Airports, said the group plans to invest between Rs 90,000 crore and Rs 1 lakh crore across its airport net-



work over the next five years. "We significantly want to be a part of the aviation economy," he said.

The airport has started operations with 29 weekly flights. Star Air will offer direct services from Mundra to Mumbai, Surat, Hindon (Ghaziabad) and Goa, with onward connectivity to

Kolhapur, Belagavi and Nanded. Direct flights to Ahmedabad are expected to begin soon.

Adani said the airport is expected to serve industry employees, business travellers and tourists. "A lot of people from Mundra are excited about the airport. Regular travellers will include employees of stakeholder companies and tourists. Mundra has generated significant economic activity, and people will be happy to have direct flight options," he said.

Passengers welcomed the

launch of air services, saying it would significantly reduce travel time. "This connectivity is important because earlier we had to travel through other cities before reaching Mundra. I flew from Surat and it took me almost an hour, whereas travelling by road can take over 10 hours. This service is very convenient for Mundra residents," said passenger Mahesh Sharma.

Another traveller, Niyati Thakur, said more metropolitan cities should be connected to Mundra. "Given Mundra's importance as a port city and

industrial hub, greater connectivity will attract more business and leisure travellers," he said.

As per the company, the airport will strengthen connectivity to Mundra Port and Mundra SEZ. With access to a commercial seaport, dedicated cargo railway network and passenger airport, Mundra has emerged as a multi-modal logistics hub. Notably, services from Mundra now connect seven cities, exceeding the combined connectivity of Kutch's Bhuj and Kandla airports.

Crew, ATC de-rostered after AI flight enters Pakistan airspace

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NEW DELHI: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has de-rostered the operating crew of an Air India flight and an air traffic controller after an aircraft briefly entered Pakistan's Lahore airspace while attempting to land at Amritsar on June 22, officials said.

The regulator said interim action had been taken against the crew and the concerned air traffic controller for failing to report the incident.

The incident involved Air India flight AI479 from Delhi to Amritsar, operated by an Airbus A321 (VT-PPV), at around 10.10 pm on Monday. According to the DGCA, the aircraft was on approach to Amritsar when it was instructed to hold because the runway was being inspected following a bird-strike report involving an earlier flight.

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entered the Pakistan airspace. The event was coordinated with Pakistan ATC authorities. The aircraft finally diverted back to Delhi and safely landed at Delhi," the regulator said.

Air India confirmed the incident. "The crew operating flight AI479 from Delhi to Amritsar on 22 June had marginally infringed into the Pakistan airspace while manoeuvring a go-around at Amritsar airport. The incident has been reported to the regulatory authorities and is being investigated internally," the airline said.

An official familiar with the matter said, "The Amritsar ATC asked the pilot to continue

towards the international boundary and the aircraft crossed into Lahore airspace at around 10.08 pm by about three miles."

According to airport officials, the incident occurred outside the hours during which approach surveillance services are available at Amritsar airport. "Before this incident, 6E 5028, after landing at Amritsar at 4.29 pm, reported a bird hit, because of which the next five arriving flights were asked to hold," an official said. "The Air India flight from Delhi was the fourth in the queue to land," he added.

Another official said Amritsar ATC coordinated with Lahore ATC regarding the aircraft's deviation into Pakistani airspace. The aircraft re-entered Indian airspace at around 10.20 pm and subsequently attempted another approach into Amritsar. However, it was unable to land and was diverted to Delhi after the crew reported low fuel, officials said. The aircraft landed safely in Delhi at 11.27 pm.

Bengaluru airport eyes more passengers with user fee cut

Airport looks to keep UDF within a defined range even if future tariff changes are necessary

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Bengaluru airport, the country's third-busiest after Delhi and Mumbai, has proposed an 18% cut in user development fees (UDF) from September as part of a broader effort to boost passenger traffic and strengthen its position as a major aviation hub.

The airport operator argues that lower passenger charges in the near term would help cushion the impact of future tariff revisions linked to the recovery of its planned ₹18,635-crore investment programme.

The airport handled 48.16 million passengers in FY26.

In a letter to the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA), the airport's operating entity, Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL), said tariffs, including UDF, may be revised in later years if required to recover capital expenditure. "The annual tariff proposal proposed for base ARR (aeronautical revenue requirement) should be structured in a manner that the eventual UDF and landing rates (for airlines) charged are smoothened through the 5-year period, while avoiding sharp increases in tariffs," BIAL chief financial officer Bhaskar Anand Rao wrote to AERA chairman S.K.G. Rahate on 19 June. *Mint* has reviewed a copy of the letter.

The five-year period ends FY31. Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru (KIB) is managed by BIAL, in which Karnataka State Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd and Airports Authority of India each hold 13%. The remaining 74% is held by the India arm of Canada's Fairfax Financial Holdings. Fairfax's stake is held via FIH Mauritius



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12:10	16:40	IndiGo	6E 6853	Goa (Dabolim)	New Date	22
13:30	16:50	IndiGo	6E 6907	Bangkok	New Date	26
14:00	16:50	IndiGo	6E 5216	Mumbai	Delayed	23
14:10	16:35	IndiGo	6E 6608	Delhi	Delayed	12
14:20	16:20	IndiGo	6E 842	Chennai	Delayed	
14:40	15:40	IndiGo	6E 506	Chennai	New Date	
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15:00	16:30	IndiGo	6E 6872	Kolkata	New Date	

Bengaluru airport wants to strengthen its position as a major aviation hub.

Investment Ltd that owns 30.36% while Anchorage Infrastructure Investments & Holdings Ltd has 43.64%.

Under the proposal submitted to the regulator, UDF for departing domestic passengers would fall to ₹450 from ₹550, while charges for international departures would decline to ₹1,215

from ₹1,500 between September 2026 and March 2029. From April 2029, the operator has mooted a further cut to ₹245 for domestic passengers and ₹662 for international passengers. No UDF is charged on arriving passengers.

BIAL has also proposed a 25% reduction in landing charges for airlines. Rao said the operator is looking "to strike a balance" between "rationalization of passenger charges from the existing levels and align the cash flows to achieve the aeronautical revenue requirement". Aeronautical revenue is the amount the regulator allows an air-

expects "three resets in tariffs in FY2028, FY2030 and FY2031".

"Accordingly, BIAL proposed to reduce the UDF through FY2030 and FY2031 so that the eventual UDF is kept in the range of ₹650/Depax," Rao said. Depax refers to departing passengers.

Simply put, the airport seeks to keep UDF within a defined range even if future tariff changes are necessary.

BIAL did not respond to *Mint*'s emailed queries.

For passengers, UDF forms part of the airfare and is collected by airlines on behalf of airport operators.

"It appears that the airport has proposed lower UDF in the initial years to cushion the impact of future tariff increases linked to the commissioning of new infrastructure," said Ankita Shah, vice-president at Elara Capital.

If approved, Bengaluru would rank among the lowest-charging private airports for departing domestic passengers, although GMR-run Delhi and Adani-run Mumbai would continue to levy lower UDF of ₹129 and ₹175, respectively.

The filing revives a lower-fee trajectory, albeit under a different tariff structure. Under an earlier framework, local and international departure fees were slated to fall to ₹385 and ₹1,050, respectively, for January-March 2026. However, AERA allowed BIAL in November 2025 to continue charging ₹550 and ₹1,500 until March 2026, citing capex recovery needs.

"It is good to see an operator seek reduced UDF despite capex," said Satyan Nayar, secretary general of the Association of Private Airport Operators. "Mature airports should look beyond increasing passenger charges to recover capex," he added.

For an extended version of this story, go to [livemint.com](https://www.livemint.com).

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port to collect from airlines and passengers to cover costs and earn a permitted return on investment.

BIAL said charges may need to be revised during the control period as new infrastructure is commissioned and capex begins to be recovered. It

BRIEFLY CROSSED INTO PAKISTANI AIRSPACE NEAR AMRITSAR

DGCA acts after Air India flight strays into Pakistan airspace

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NEW DELHI: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has initiated interim action against an Air Traffic Controller (ATC) at Amritsar and the operating crew of an Air India flight after an aircraft briefly entered Pakistani airspace during its approach to Amritsar Airport on June 22.

Oversight authorities are now reviewing operational decisions made during that phase. One outcome has been the suspension of certain responsibilities pending further review. While such incidents remain rare, they prompt scrutiny of navigation protocols near borders. At present, investigations continue without public updates.

The DGCA stated, Air India flight AI-479, flown using an Airbus A321 marked VT-PPV along the Delhi to Amritsar path, received directions to



DGCA has launched a probe into the matter

REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE

circle due to ongoing checks after birds hit the runway. As the plane began descending, deviation into Pakistan's sky occurred momentarily under guidance from radar signals.

The aviation regulator stated that coordination occurred with Pakistani air traffic control bodies during the event, safety being maintained throughout. Follow-

ing this, the plane gave up its approach, turned toward Delhi instead, arriving without complications after a redirected flight path. The DGCA noted that temporary measures were applied to both the Amritsar air traffic controller involved and the flight personnel, due to their failure to notify the event via official procedures.

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Occasionally, flights near borders drift into neighboring skies while circling or being guided by radar - when coordination exists with appropriate control agencies.

Not uncommon is this shift during routine maneuvering, so long as communication channels remain active between operators and oversight bodies. Though proxim-

ity may increase complexity, alignment through procedural exchange tends to prevent disputes.

An investigation by the DGCA appears into what caused the aircraft to stray beyond its assigned airspace along with the failure to report it promptly. Despite this, authorities confirm there was never a risk to those on board because air traffic control maintained oversight during the entire episode.

Further investigation of the issue continues.

‘Commercial flights from Mundra Airport will boost connectivity’

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The new airport, with a 1,900-metre runway, was inaugurated by Jeet Adani.

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Mundra Airport) will open up a significant amount of connectivity and interface from Mundra, our ‘karmabhoomi’, to the rest of India,” he said.

When asked if the facility would also be looking at airlines operating narrow-body (single aisle) aircraft, he said it is too early to comment on this and to start with, it will be only regional flights.

“The supply chain is

extremely tight and most of the narrow-bodies that they already have are near full. So we are also not pushing for getting a narrow-body because we are letting the economics work for themselves. So right now only Star Air we are starting with. And then as demand grows, we believe that others will follow,” Jeet Adani said.

The airport also plans to have flights from Belagavi, Bengaluru, Kolhapur

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and Nanded.

The air route is a calculated move to fuel the economic engine of India’s largest private port Mundra, and the country’s largest SEZ at Mundra, the airport operator said.

The launch of eight new air services by Star Air from Tuesday will create an express corridor, reducing travel time for trade, commerce, logistics and tourism, fuelling the economic engine at Mundra port.

Adani Group to invest up to ₹90K-₹1L cr in airports in next five years

NEW DELHI: The Adani Group plans to invest Rs 90,000 crore to Rs 1 lakh crore across its airport portfolio over the next five years, Jeet Adani, Director at Adani Airport Holdings, said on Tuesday.

He said the group’s previously announced five-year investment plan remains unchanged.

Jeet Adani also said the group would participate aggressively in the government’s upcoming bidding process for 11 new airports.

While there is no specific target for the number of airports it aims to secure, he said the company wants to expand its role in India’s aviation sector and continue its growth in the industry.

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CISF security at IGIA retains global rating

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THE security management systems implemented by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) received a boost on Wednesday with the renewal of its international quality certification for another three years. The renewed certification will remain valid till April 13, 2029.

The ISO 9001:2015 'Quality Management System Certification for Security Operations' was formally handed over by Delhi International Airport Limited Chief Security Officer Navdeep Singh Heera to CISF DIG and chief aerodrome security officer Babu Ram at the airport.

"The certification has been



awarded by DNV (Det Norske Veritas), one of the world's leading independent certification bodies following a comprehensive audit and assessment of the security management systems implemented by CISF at India's busiest airport," an official release by the CISF said.

The certification covers all three terminals of the Delhi

airport as well as the cargo and operational areas.

"The latest certification follows a rigorous recertification exercise upon completion of the previous certification cycle. The successful renewal demonstrates not only sustained compliance with international quality standards but also continuous improvement in security management practices," the CISF further said.



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AI flight enters Pak airspace, pilots, ATC official grounded

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New Delhi: An Air India Delhi-Amritsar flight briefly entered Pakistan airspace while holding to land Monday, prompting authorities to ground the operating crew and an Amritsar air traffic controller for allegedly failing to report the incident. The aircraft exited Pakistani airspace within 15 seconds after coordinating with Lahore ATC and later returned to Delhi before flying to Amritsar.

The Airbus A321 (VT-PPT) operating as AI 479 had taken off from Delhi at 9.07 pm Monday.

An aircraft which had landed at Amritsar before it reported a bird hit and runway inspection was being carried out there to check for any remains on the airstrip. AI 479 was asked to hold while the inspection continued. The aircraft then briefly entered Pakistan airspace.

The international border is very close to both the Jammu and Amritsar airports. Experienced pilots say while flying from the north, they have to take a low radius turn for manoeuvring to land there without entering into Pakistan airspace.

Meanwhile, the crew of AI 479, which was approaching Amritsar, decided to divert to its alternate airport, Delhi. Sources said the crew may have diverted after reaching diversion fuel limits or due to an un stabilised approach. The aircraft returned to Delhi at 11.27 pm. About an hour later, the aircraft departed Delhi again and flew to Amritsar.

The aviation ministry said: "On June 22, AI 479 (Delhi-Amritsar) during approach was asked to hold due to runway inspection post a bird strike incident. After the aircraft commenced approach the aircraft briefly entered the Pakistan airspace. The aircraft finally diverted back to Delhi and safely landed at Delhi. Authorities took interim action against the Amritsar air traffic controller and the operating crew for failing to report the incident."

Air India said: "The crew operating flight AI 479 from Delhi to Amritsar on June 22 had marginally infringed into the Pakistan airspace while manoeuvring a go-around at Amritsar airport. The incident has been reported to the authorities and is being investigated internally."



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■ DGCA takes action against ATC in Amritsar, operating crew AI plane briefly enters Pak airspace

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A Delhi-Amritsar Air India flight inadvertently entered the Pakistani airspace briefly during a "go-around" and returned safely inside Indian territory within two minutes.

The incident took place on Tuesday. According to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Air India flight AI-479, during its approach to its destination at Amritsar, was asked to hold due to a runway inspection following a bird strike. Since the airspace at Amritsar was congested, the pilot did a "go-

around" and briefly entered Pak airspace.

"After the aircraft commenced approach during radar vectoring, the aircraft briefly entered the Pakistan airspace," the DGCA said, adding that immediately, the event was coordinated with Pakistan ATC authorities by the Indian side and the aircraft was diverted back to Delhi, where it landed safely.

"Interim action has been taken against the concerned air traffic controller at Amritsar and the operating crew for non-reporting of the event," the DGCA said.

■ **THE AIR India incident comes 10 days after a Pak aircraft similarly briefly crossed into Indian airspace while deviating from its route to avoid adverse weather conditions**

On its part, Air India said the incident has been reported to the regulatory authorities and is being investigated.

"The crew operating flight AI479 from Delhi to Amritsar on 22 June had marginally infringed into the Pakistan airspace while manoeuvring a go-around at Amritsar air-

port. The incident is being investigated internally," the airline said in a statement.

Both India and Pakistan have closed their airspace for civilian flights since last year after Operation Sindoor.

The Air India incident comes 10 days after a Pakistani aircraft, Fly Jinnah flight 9P514, operating from Lahore to Dubai, similarly briefly crossed into Indian airspace over Punjab while deviating from its route to avoid adverse weather conditions and returned to Pakistani airspace within minutes.



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एअर इंडिया का विमान भटककर पाकिस्तान में पहुंचा

अमृतसर। दिल्ली से अमृतसर जा रही एअर इंडिया की उड़ान (एआई-479) जीपीएस सिस्टम में तकनीकी खराबी के कारण रास्ता भटक कर पाकिस्तान के हवाई क्षेत्र में पहुंच गई। विमान को मंगलवार रात करीब 11:30 बजे अमृतसर उतरना था, पर वह हवा में भटकता रहा और करीब एक बजे पाकिस्तान सीमा में प्रवेश कर गया। घटना की जांच शुरू कर दी गई है।

पाकिस्तान के एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल से चेतावनी मिलने पर पायलट ने तुरंत दिल्ली एटीसी से संपर्क किया। इसके बाद विमान को सुरक्षित भारतीय हवाई क्षेत्र में लाकर दिल्ली डायवर्ट कर दिया गया। दिल्ली में तकनीकी खराबी दूर होने के बाद विमान को अमृतसर के लिए रवाना किया गया। इस पूरी कवायद में यात्रियों को करीब चार घंटे की देरी और भारी परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। संवाद



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आमने-सामने आए एअर इंडिया व इंडिगो के विमान...हादसा बचा

अहमदाबाद हवाईअड्डे पर टैक्सीवे पर गलत मोड़ लेने से बनी ऐसी स्थिति, दोनों विमान सुरक्षित दूरी पर रोके गए

नई दिल्ली/मुंबई। अहमदाबाद हवाईअड्डे पर बुधवार शाम तब हादसा बच गया, जब एअर इंडिया का विमान टैक्सीवे पर गलत मोड़ लेने के कारण इंडिगो के विमान के सामने आ गया। ए320 श्रेणी के दोनों विमानों को सुरक्षित दूरी पर रोक लिया गया। किसी यात्री या चालक दल

को कोई खतरा नहीं हुआ।

सूत्रों के अनुसार, मुंबई जाने वाली इंडिगो विमान उड़ान भरने की तैयारी कर रहा था। तभी मुंबई से अहमदाबाद पहुंची एअर इंडिया की उड़ान एआई-2493 पार्किंग बे की ओर जाते समय गलत दिशा में मुड़ गई और उसी

टैक्सीवे पर पहुंच गई, जहां इंडिगो का विमान मौजूद था। दोनों के बीच करीब 200 मीटर की दूरी थी।

एअर इंडिया ने कहा कि विमान को वापस खींचकर पार्किंग बे तक ले जाया गया। इंडिगो ने भी बताया कि उसकी उड़ान 6ई-5160 को थोड़ी

देर के लिए रोका गया था। दूसरे विमान को हटाए जाने के बाद विमान ने मुंबई के छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे के लिए उड़ान भरी और सुरक्षित पहुंच गई। दोनों एयरलाइनों ने कहा कि मामले की जांच शुरू कर दी गई है। एजेंसी

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हवाई सफर होगा महंगा 25 फीसदी तक बढ़ सकते हैं टिकटों के दाम

नई दिल्ली। भू-राजनैतिक उथल-पुथल और रिफाइनरी की बाधाओं के चलते विमान ईंधन की आपूर्ति में भारी कमी से आने वाले समय में हवाई किराया



20-25 फीसदी तक महंगा हो सकता है। वैश्विक परामर्श फर्म मैकिन्जी की रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक,

विमान ईंधन यानी जेट फ्यूल का क्रैक स्प्रेड आमतौर पर 20 डॉलर प्रति बैरल या उससे कम रहता आया है। लेकिन, 2026 में इसके बढ़कर औसतन 50 डॉलर प्रति बैरल से अधिक होने की आशंका है।

किसी भी एयरलाइन टिकट की कुल कीमत का करीब 30 फीसदी हिस्सा अकेले ईंधन पर खर्च होता है। ऐसे में ईंधन की लागत दोगुनी होने से हवाई किराये में 20 से 25 फीसदी की तेजी आएगी।

दरअसल, विमान ईंधन की कीमतों को समझने के लिए क्रैक स्प्रेड के खेल को जानना जरूरी है। यह कच्चे तेल और उससे रिफाइन कर बनाए जाने वाले पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की कीमत के बीच का अंतर होता है। आसान शब्दों में, यह रिफाइनरियों का मुनाफा या रिफाइनिंग मार्जिन होता है।

आगे का आउटलुक : विश्लेषकों का मानना है, होर्मुज के रास्ते टैंकरों की आवाजाही बढ़ने पर तत्काल प्रभाव से कीमतों पर दबाव थोड़ा कम हो सकता है। लेकिन, आवाजाही दोबारा सामान्य होने के बाद विभिन्न देश अपनी रणनीतिक भंडारण क्षमताओं को दोबारा भरने और स्टॉक जुटाने में लग जाएंगे। इस रीस्टॉकिंग के कारण विमान ईंधन की कीमतें आने वाले कई महीनों तक ऊंचे स्तरों पर ही टिकी रह सकती हैं। ■ बीजस डेस्क



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नेविगेशन सिस्टम फेल होने पर पाकिस्तानी क्षेत्र में घुसा एअर इंडिया का विमान



नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली से अमृतसर जा रही एअर इंडिया की एक उड़ान नेविगेशन सिस्टम फेल होने की वजह से कुछ समय के लिए पाकिस्तानी हवाई क्षेत्र में घुस गई। विमान अमृतसर हवाई अड्डे पर उतरने के दौरान गो-अराउंड प्रक्रिया में था, जब वह सीमित समय के लिए पाकिस्तानी हवाई क्षेत्र में चला गया। मामले की जांच शुरू कर दी गई है। एअर इंडिया के अनुसार घटना 22 जून को दिल्ली से अमृतसर जा रही उड़ान संख्या एआई-479 के साथ हुई। अमृतसर में उतरने के प्रयास के दौरान विमान को किसी कारण से गो-अराउंड प्रक्रिया अपनानी पड़ी।



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मुंद्रा के लिए शुरू हुई उड़ान किशनगढ़ के लिए अभी बंद

साहिबवादा। हिंडन एयरपोर्ट से गुजरात के मुंद्रा एयरपोर्ट के लिए मंगलवार से उड़ान शुरू हो गई। पहली बार उड़ान भरी गई और इसमें 80 लोगों ने यात्रा की। वहीं, दूसरी ओर हिंडन से किशनगढ़ के लिए उड़ान अस्थायी तौर पर रद्द कर दी गई है।

**पहले दिन हवाई जहाज
80 यात्रियों को लेकर
हुआ रवाना, तीन दिन
भरी जाएगी उड़ान**

दोनों ही उड़ान स्टार एयर की है। उड़ान योजना के तहत हिंडन एयरपोर्ट से मुंद्रा के लिए उड़ान को मंजूरी दी थी। सप्ताह में मंगलवार, बुधवार और शनिवार को मुंद्रा के लिए हवाई जहाज उड़ान भरेंगे। स्टार एयर को 88 सीटर विमान दोपहर 01:50 बजे मुंद्रा से प्रस्थान कर कर दोपहर 03:45 बजे उड़ान हिंडन पहुंचेगी। वापसी में शाम 04:15 बजे हिंडन से प्रस्थान कर शाम 06:10 बजे मुंद्रा पहुंचेगी। एयरपोर्ट प्राधिकरण के निदेशक डॉ. चिलका महेश ने बताया कि पहले दिन विमान से 80 से अधिक लोगों ने यात्रा की है। उन्होंने बताया कि मुंद्रा औद्योगिक शहर है, ऐसे में आम लोगों के साथ गाजियाबाद समेत एनसीआर के उद्यमी और व्यावसायियों को भी मुंद्रा की उड़ान का लाभ मिलेगा।

हिंडन एयरपोर्ट से किशनगढ़ के लिए 20 जून के बाद से उड़ान नहीं भरी है। बता दें कि किशनगढ़ के लिए उड़ान पहली बार 2024 में शुरू हुई थी, लेकिन गत वर्ष फरवरी में ही उड़ान को बंद कर दिया गया था। स्टार एयर ने किशनगढ़ की अपनी यह उड़ान 25 अप्रैल को ही दोबारा शुरू किया था। इसी दिन कंपनी को मुंद्रा की उड़ान भी शुरू करनी थी, लेकिन मुंद्रा एयरपोर्ट के तैयार न होने से इसमें देरी हुई। अब मुंद्रा की उड़ान शुरू हुई तो किशनगढ़ को बंद कर दी गई। किशनगढ़ की उड़ान बंद होने के पीछे स्टार एयर के पास विमानों की संख्या सीमित होना बताया जा रहा है। निदेशक ने बताया कि कंपनी ने उड़ान दोबारा शुरू होने की कोई जानकारी अभी नहीं दी है।



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Air India to make foreign travel more accessible to Bharat: CEO

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New Delhi

Tata Group-promoted Air India's newly-launched 'Easy Connect' initiative seeks to make international travel more accessible to passengers from smaller Indian cities, thereby reducing their dependence on overseas transit hubs, the airline's Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Campbell Wilson told *businessline*.

Replying to a query on the new service that allows passengers from tier-2 and -3 cities to seamlessly connect to international destinations through India-based airport hubs, Campbell said the initiative addresses a long-standing gap in international travel access.

Earlier this month, Air India opened bookings for its first flights under the Government of India's hub-and-spoke model, branded as 'Easy Connect', enabling passengers from cities beyond major metros to complete baggage check-in and immigration formalities at their originating airport and connect seamlessly to inter-



Campbell Wilson,
CEO and MD, Air India

national destinations.

The initiative will commence from Varanasi on June 25, with Air India designated as the lead carrier for implementing the model. The airline plans a phased rollout of Easy Connect operations across multiple cities in the coming months.

Under the hub-and-spoke framework, smaller 'spoke' cities, such as Varanasi, are connected to major 'hub' airports like Delhi, allowing passengers to access Air India's global network through a single domestic connection.

The model is designed to simplify international travel by enabling through-check-in to the final destination,

immigration clearance at the point of origin and seamless international transit through the hub airport.

GLOBAL ACCESS

"Easy Connect extends global access to more parts of the country beyond major metros and reduces the need for Indians to transit through unfamiliar environments," Wilson told *businessline*. "As the Indian aviation industry works towards building India as a global aviation hub, it must do so not just through infrastructure, but also through a network that truly serves the aspirations of its people," he said. According to Wilson, Air India is committed to making the world more "accessible to Bharat — and in turn, connect Bharat more effectively with the world."

The first designated Easy Connect service, AI 1111, will operate daily between Varanasi and Delhi, and is scheduled to arrive in the national capital at 11:00 hours. Accordingly, the flight has been timed to provide onward connectivity within four hours to 18 international destinations.



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Air taxi cos find health care as 1st launchpad

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Air taxis may still be some distance away from commercial operations in India, with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in the process of framing guidelines for operations, infrastructure, and manufacturing, yet the new-age mobility concept is already drawing the attention of one critical sector — health care.

Several health care companies, hospital chains, and air ambulance providers are exploring partnerships with emerging air taxi and electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft manufacturers, betting on faster medical evacuation and emergency response capabilities.

Startups such as Chennai-based The ePlane Company and Bengaluru-based Sarla Aviation have confirmed that hospital groups and air ambulance operators have either placed orders or entered into talks for future deployments.

A senior executive at Sarla Aviation said the company has already signed agreements with hospital major Aster DM



The ePlane Company on Wednesday announced the assembly of the e200X, its full-scale electric aircraft platform

Healthcare and medical evacuation providers such as Kerala-based Blue Dot Air Ambulance and Delhi-based Aeromed Air Ambulance. Meanwhile, The ePlane Company said it is in discussions with three of India's top five health care groups. The IIT Madras-incubated startup has also entered into a strategic partnership with the International Critical-care Air Transfer Team (ICATT) to provide 788 air ambulances. Most of these aircraft are expected to become commercially operational after 2029.

Though eVTOL and health care companies did not disclose names, industry sources said major health care players

including Apollo Hospitals, Manipal Hospitals, Fortis Healthcare, and Max Healthcare could be evaluating partnerships with these new-age aircraft makers. Health care sector sources said two of these companies are already in advanced discussions.

"We have actually tied up with air ambulance operators as well as international startup charter plane operators. There is advanced work going on with some marquee hospitals. We expect to make an announcement regarding that at the Farnborough International Airshow in July," said Satya Chakravarthy, founder of The ePlane Company.

Globally, China remains the only country where commercial passenger eVTOL services are currently operational, with deployments in cities including Guangzhou, Hainan, and Shenzhen. Dubai is expected to follow, while the United States remains in the certification phase. India too is currently at the development and certification stage.

"We have already signed an MoU with Aster, and are in talks with a few other hospital chains. We are expected to get a DOA (design organisation approval) certificate within three months," said Rakesh Gaonkar, co-founder and CTO of Sarla Aviation.

An eVTOL aircraft is an electrically powered aircraft capable of vertical takeoff and landing, designed to support future urban air mobility (UAM). Industry sources said eVTOL companies are also in discussions with infrastructure providers, including charging ecosystem players such as JioBP. The development comes as The ePlane Company on Wednesday announced the assembly of the e200X, its full-scale electric aircraft platform,

designed to serve three emerging markets — passenger air taxis, urban cargo transport, and air ambulance services.

The e200X is supported by a board featuring Vishesh Rajaram of Speciale Invest, Eash Sundaram of JetBlue, and Aditya Ghosh of Homage, Akasa Air and also a former IndiGo executive.

Regulatory concerns

Plans by several companies to introduce air taxi services in Indian cities including Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi, and Chennai have already generated significant interest. However, regulatory clarity remains the key factor determining the pace of commercial rollout.

DGCA has so far issued guidance material covering vertiports (September 2024), airworthiness and type certification of VTOL-capable aircraft (September 2024), and pilot training and rating requirements for VTOL-capable aircraft (May 2025), while a broader operational framework for commercial eVTOL services remains under development.

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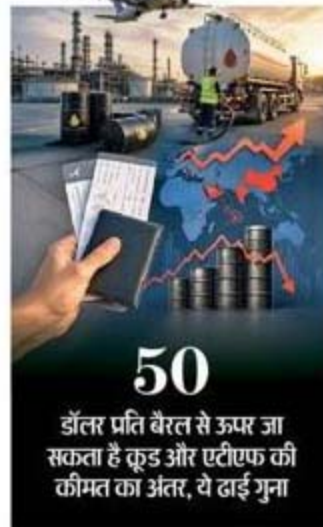
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नई चुनौती • ईंधन की सप्लाई कम क्योंकि ज्यादातर देश भंडार भरने में जुटे: मैकिंजी हवाई सफर 25% तक महंगा हो सकता है

भास्कर न्यूज | मुंबई

भू-राजनीतिक तनाव और रिफाइनरी प्रोडक्शन में कमी के चलते विमान ईंधन (एटीएफ) की वैश्विक आपूर्ति बाधित हो रही है। इसे देखते हुए वैश्विक सलाहकार कंपनी मैकिंजी ने चेतावनी दी है कि 2026 में हवाई किराया 20-25% तक बढ़ सकता है। कच्चे तेल और उससे तैयार एटीएफ की कीमत के बीच अंतर (क्रैक स्पेड) 50 डॉलर प्रति बैरल से ऊपर निकलने की आशंका को इसकी वजह बताई गई है, जो अमूमन 20% होता है। मैकिंजी की रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि विमान ईंधन की कीमतें मुख्य रूप से कच्चे तेल के दाम बढ़ने के कारण बढ़ी हैं, लेकिन असली समस्या आपूर्ति की है। खाड़ी क्षेत्र और एशिया के प्रमुख विमान ईंधन निर्यातक देश, जो दुनिया की 40% आपूर्ति करते



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डॉलर प्रति बैरल से ऊपर जा सकता है कूड और एटीएफ की कीमत का अंतर, ये ढाई गुना

हैं, अपना उत्पादन घटा चुके हैं। चीन, भारत और दक्षिण कोरिया ने भी निर्यात पर आंशिक प्रतिबंध लगाए हैं। गर्मियों के ट्रैवल सीजन से पहले मांग बढ़ने और भंडार घटने से स्थिति और गंभीर हो सकती है।

विमानन कंपनियों पर ईंधन महंगा होने का असर ऐसे...

- एयरलाइन टिकट की कुल कीमत का करीब 30% हिस्सा ईंधन की लागत है।
- ईंधन यानी एटीएफ की लागत दोगुनी होने पर किराया अमूमन 20-25% बढ़ता है।
- एयरलाइंस बढ़ी हुई ऑपरेशन लागत के बड़े हिस्से का बोझ यात्रियों पर डालती हैं।

तीन कारणों से किराए में वृद्धि थमने के आसार नहीं

1. होर्मुज जल मार्ग से टैंकर ट्रैफिक पूरी तरह सामान्य होने पर दाम घट सकती हैं, जिसकी संभावना बढ़ी है।
2. दिक्कत यह है कि ज्यादातर देश रणनीतिक भंडार भर रहे हैं, इसलिए कीमतें ऊंची रह सकती हैं।
3. वैश्विक रिफाइनरी पहले से ऊंची क्षमता पर चल रही हैं। अतिरिक्त उत्पादन की गुंजाइश सीमित है।

राहत की उम्मीद... कच्चे तेल के दाम 4 माह में सबसे कम

कच्चे तेल की कीमत 4 महीनों के निचले स्तर पर आ गई है। बुधवार को अंतरराष्ट्रीय बेंचमार्क ब्रेंट क्रूड के दाम करीब 2% घटकर 75.55 डॉलर प्रति बैरल रह गया। दरअसल, पश्चिम एशिया में तनाव कम होने और होर्मुज जल मार्ग से टैंकरों की आवाजाही धीरे-धीरे सामान्य होने से क्रूड ऑयल की कीमतों में बड़ी गिरावट आई है। ईरान युद्ध के दौरान ब्रेंट क्रूड 120 डॉलर तक पहुंच गया था। मौजूदा कीमत उससे 37% कम है। हालांकि, जानकारों का मानना है कि मांग मजबूत बनी रहेगी क्योंकि उत्पादन में कटौती की आशंका है।



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चंद्रशेखरन ने खुद संभाली कमान एअर इंडिया को मुनाफे में लाने की बड़ी तैयारी

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एअर इंडिया को मुनाफे में लाने की तैयारी नए सिरे से शुरू हो गई है। टाटा समूह के नियंत्रण में आने के बाद वित्त वर्ष 2026 में एअर इंडिया को 296



करोड़ डॉलर (करीब 28,016 करोड़ रुपए) का सबसे बड़ा सालाना घाटा हुआ है। इस भारी नुकसान और सीईओ कैपबेल विल्सन के इस्तीफे के बीच टाटा संस के चेयरमैन एन

चंद्रशेखरन ने कमान सीधे अपने हाथ में ले ली है। वे अब हर हफ्ते कामकाज की समीक्षा करेंगे। पूर्व नागरिक विमानन सचिव प्रदीप सिंह खरोला को मैनेजमेंट की मदद के लिए एग्जीक्यूटिव एडवाइजर बनाया गया है। महंगे ईंधन, लंबे रूट और विमानों के अपग्रेडेशन में देरी से वित्तीय दबाव बढ़ा है।

पाकिस्तान के वायु क्षेत्र में पहुंचा एअर इंडिया का विमान, सवार थे 125 लोग

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दरअसल, तनावपूर्ण रिश्ते के कारण भारत और पाकिस्तान ने एक-दूसरे के वायु क्षेत्र के इस्तेमाल पर प्रतिबंध लगा रखा है। इस बीच 22 जून को नई दिल्ली से अमृतसर जा रही एअर इंडिया की उड़ान संख्या एआइ 479 अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमा पार कर पाकिस्तानी वायु क्षेत्र में प्रवेश कर गया। यह पूरी घटना अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट पर लैंडिंग से पहले गो-अराउंड के दौरान हुई। गो-अराउंड का मतलब यह है कि जब विमान लैंड करने ही वाला



- गो अराउंड के दौरान गलती से किया प्रवेश, लाहौर एटीसी से चेतावनी पर लौटा
- बाद में नई दिल्ली में कराई गई लैंडिंग, एअर इंडिया व डीजीसीए ने शुरू की जांच

एयर ट्रेफिक कंट्रोलर और आपरेटिंग कू पर कार्रवाई

डीजीसीए ने इस घटना का कड़ा संज्ञान लिया है। मामले में अमृतसर के एयर ट्रेफिक कंट्रोलर और एअर इंडिया के आपरेटिंग कू के खिलाफ अंतरिम कार्रवाई की गई है। क्रू पर कार्रवाई का मुख्य कारण 'इवेंट की रिपोर्टिंग न करना' है। डीजीसीए ने बयान जारी कर कहा कि अमृतसर में रनवे पर एक विमान से पक्षी के टकराने के बाद निरीक्षण चल रहा

था। इस दौरान एअर इंडिया का विमान 'गो-अराउंड' के दौरान रनवर वेवटिंग की प्रक्रिया में था। तभी वह अनजाने में पाकिस्तान के वायु क्षेत्र में चला गया। पाकिस्तान के एटीसी अधिकारियों के साथ समन्वय स्थापित कर विमान को सुरक्षित दिल्ली वायवर्ट किया गया। बाद में विमान ने दिल्ली से फिर उड़ान भरी और रात करीब 10 बजे अमृतसर में लैंड किया।

हो, लेकिन किसी वजह से पाबलट को लैंडिंग को टालकर विमान को दोबारा ऊपर ले जाना पड़े। विमान ने जब गो-अराउंड किया तो अमृतसर के एटीसी ने पाबलट को तुरंत एक खास लोकेशन की ओर भेजते हुए हवा में होल्ड करने का निर्देश दिया। यह लोकेशन अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट से करीब 24 किलोमीटर की दूरी पर है। सूत्रों का कहना है कि पाबलट को इसी दायरे में घूमना था, लेकिन वह विमान को हवा में होल्ड करने के बजाय अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट से बिल्कुल ऊपर की तरफ

बढ़ता चला गया। अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट भारत-पाकिस्तान अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमा के ब्रेड करीब है। पाबलट ने विमान को चक्कर कटने के दौरान जैसे ही बाईं तरफ मोड़ा, वह पाकिस्तान के हवाई क्षेत्र में प्रवेश कर गया और लाहौर एयरपोर्ट के एटीसी के दायरे में आ गया। लाहौर एटीसी ने पाबलट को तुरंत चेतावनी दी और पाबलट ने विमान का रुख अमृतसर की ओर कर लिया। इसके बाद नई दिल्ली में लैंडिंग कराई गई और बाद में यात्रियों को अमृतसर भेजा गया। **संक्षेप » जागरण सिटी**



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13 दिन पहले पाकिस्तान के एक विमान ने भारतीय हवाई क्षेत्र में किया था प्रवेश

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नई दिल्ली: 22 जून को अंजाने में एअर इंडिया की उड़ान के पाकिस्तानी हवाई क्षेत्र में प्रवेश से ठीक 10 दिन पहले पाकिस्तान की एयरलाइन फ्लाई जिन्ना की एक उड़ान (9पी514) को भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच कड़े हवाई प्रतिबंधों के बावजूद, बीते 12 जून को मजबूरी में भारतीय हवाई क्षेत्र (अमृतसर) का सहारा लेना पड़ा। घटना तब हुई, जब यह उड़ान लाहौर से दुबई जा रही थी। विमान को पंजाब (पाक प्रांत) के ऊपर आसमान में भीषण चक्रवाती तूफान और खराब मौसम का सामना करना पड़ा और यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को प्राथमिकता देते हुए पायलट ने अपने रुट में बदलाव किया।

बाद में जैसे ही विमान ने मौसम से प्रभावित क्षेत्र को पार किया, वह तुरंत

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सुरक्षित रूप से वापस पाकिस्तानी हवाई क्षेत्र में लौट गया। विशेषज्ञों के अनुसार, अमृतसर और लाहौर जैसे एयरपोर्ट भारत-पाकिस्तान अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमा के बेहद नजदीक हैं। जब विमान खराब मौसम के कारण रास्ता बदलते हैं या लैंडिंग फेल होने पर हवा में दोबारा चक्कर लगाते हैं, तो 700-800 किमी/घंटा की तेज रफ्तार के कारण कुछ ही सेकेंड में सीमा पार हो जाना बेहद आसान होता है।

करीब तीन वर्ष पहले पाकिस्तान इंटरनेशनल एयरलाइंस को एक उड़ान जो मस्कट से लाहौर आ रही थी, वहां और खराब मौसम के कारण लाहौर

एयरपोर्ट पर लैंड नहीं कर पाई। गो-अराउंड करने के चक्कर में पायलट रास्ता भटक गया और विमान पंजाब के तरनतारन के रास्ते भारतीय हवाई क्षेत्र में दखिल हो गया। वह विमान करीब 10 मिनट तक भारतीय आसमान में रहा और करीब 40 किलोमीटर अंदर तक आ गया था, जिसके बाद वह वापस पाकिस्तान लौटा। दोनों देशों ने एक-दूसरे के विमानों पर प्रतिबंध लगाया हुआ है, लेकिन अंतरराष्ट्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन संगठन के नियमों के अनुसार, मौसम की इमरजेंसी में मानवीय आधार पर रास्ता देना अनिवार्य होता है। यही वजह है कि दोनों ही घटनाओं में दोनों देशों के एटीसी ने सूझबूझ दिखाई। दोनों ही मामले में दोनों उड़ानें कुछ ही मिनटों में सुरक्षित अपने-अपने वायुक्षेत्र में लौट आईं और बड़ा संकट टल गया।



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भारत और पाकिस्तान में तनावपूर्ण रिश्तों के बीच एअर इंडिया का विमान पाकिस्तान के वायु क्षेत्र में पहुंच गया। दिल्ली से अमृतसर जा रहे भारतीय विमान के प्रतिबंधित क्षेत्र में प्रवेश करने पर पाकिस्तान के एटीसी की तरफ से जारी चेतावनी पर पायलट को गलती का अहसास हुआ और वह तत्काल भारतीय सीमा में आ गया। इस बीच करीब दो मिनट तक विमान पाकिस्तान की सीमा में रहा। एअर इंडिया ने इसे अनजाने में हुई चूक बताया है।

गो-अराउंड के दौरान हुई घटना: यह पूरी घटना अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट पर लैंडिंग से पहले गो-अराउंड के दौरान हुई। गो-अराउंड का मतलब होता है, जब विमान लैंड करने ही वाला हो, लेकिन किसी वजह से पायलट लैंडिंग टालकर विमान को दोबारा हवा में ले जाता है। एअर इंडिया के विमान ने जब अमृतसर रनवे पर उतरने के प्रयास को छोड़ते हुए गो-

दिल्ली से अमृतसर जा रहा था, दो मिनट तक पाकिस्तान की सीमा में रहा।
प्रतिबंधित क्षेत्र में भारतीय विमान को लाहौर एटीसी से मिली चेतावनी

अराउंड किया तो अमृतसर के एटीसी ने पायलट को तुरंत एक खास लोकेशन की ओर भेजते हुए होल्ड करने का निर्देश दिया। यह लोकेशन अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट से करीब 24 किमी की दूरी पर है। विमान को इस लोकेशन की ओर बढ़ते हुए आसमान में चक्कर लगाने को कहा गया। पायलट को इसी तय दायरे में घूमना था, लेकिन वे एटीसी के निर्देश का पालन नहीं कर पाए। विमान होल्ड करने के बजाय सीधे अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट के बिल्कुल ऊपर की तरफ बढ़ता चला गया। यहाँ समस्या यह है कि अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट भारत-पाकिस्तान अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमा के बेहद करीब है। आगे बढ़ते हुए विमान ने चक्कर काटने के दौरान जैसे ही बायाँ मोड़ लिया, वह सीधा अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमा को पार कर

संभावित गलतियाँ

- **होलिंगनिर्देश का पालन न होना:** रनवे खाली नहीं होता या मौसम खराब होता है, तो एटीसी विमानों को एक सुरक्षित दूरी पर चक्कर लगाने को कहता है। विमान इस होल्डिंग प्वाइंट को पार कर आगे क्यों बढ़ा। यह एक गलती मानी जा रही है।
- **भौगोलिक संवेदनशीलता को न समझना:** अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट बार्डर के पास संवेदनशील इलाका है। यहाँ दिशा भटकने का मतलब सीधे दूसरे देश की सीमा में दाखिल होना है। पाकिस्तान द्वारा लगाए गए प्रतिबंधों के बावजूद, गो-अराउंड के दौरान पायलट का आसपास की स्थिति की समझ का कमजोर पड़ना भी संभावित गलती मानी जा रही है।

पाकिस्तान के हवाई क्षेत्र में प्रवेश कर गया।



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Air India Flight Enters Pak Airspace; DGCA Acts Against Crew and ATC

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being investigated internally.

DGCA said that after the aircraft commenced approach during radar vectoring, it briefly entered the Pakistan airspace. "The event was coordinated with Pakistan ATC Authorities. The aircraft finally diverted to Delhi and safely landed at Delhi," the DGCA said in a statement.

Pakistan has closed its airspace for Indian airlines since April 2025.

A source said the incident happened at a little past 8 pm on Monday when the aircraft had to go around at the Amritsar airport. —PTI



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Air India, IndiGo Jets Face Off on Same Taxiway at Ahmedabad

New Delhi |

Mumbai: An

Air India plane came in front of an IndiGo aircraft on the same taxiway at the Ahmedabad airport after the Air India plane took a wrong turn while taxiing towards the parking bay on Wednesday evening, according to sources. IndiGo said both aircraft came to a halt at a safe distance from each other. The Mumbai-bound IndiGo plane was preparing for take off when the Air India aircraft took the wrong turn, and both planes were separated by around 200 metres on the same taxiway, the sources said. — PTI

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Panel pushes for simulator-heavy pilot training

● Proposal aims to ease mounting pilot shortages

ABHUTH GANAPAVARAM
New Delhi, June 24

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India seeks faster pipeline of airline-ready junior pilots REUTERS

lator that included representatives from IndiGo, Air India and flight-training organisations.

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MUMBAI

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Airlines may withdraw fuel surcharge

Indian airlines are considering withdrawing the fuel surcharge as crude oil prices moderate, which could provide relief to air travellers in the coming months, according to a report. NDTV Profit has reported that airlines are actively evaluating a roll-back of the surcharge.



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MUMBAI

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Akasa Air plans IPO in next 2-4 yrs

Akasa Air plans to come out with its initial share sale in the next two to four years, depending on achieving various milestones, its Chief Financial Officer Ankur Goel said on Tuesday as he stressed that the airline's IPO is "not a question of if but a question of when". As the airlines' industry grapples with multiple challenges, especially higher fuel prices pushing up operational costs, Goel said there are short term headwinds and that the airline was "cautiously optimistic" about the current industry scenario. The airline is slowly expanding its presence and currently flies to 34 destinations.

-PTI



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Star Air starts flights from Mundra to Mumbai, Goa and six other cities

FPJ News Service

KUTCH

Mundra Airport on Tuesday announced the launch of its inaugural scheduled flight service connecting Mumbai and Goa. This pivotal air link, established in a strategic partnership with Star Air, is set to unlock unprecedented economic potential for the Kutch region, transforming the region into a fully integrated, multi-modal logistics and business hub.

The launch of eight new air services by Star Air from the state-of-the-art terminal beginning Tuesday, will create an express corridor, reducing travel time for trade, commerce, logistics and tourism, fuelling the economic engine of India's largest port Mundra. The other cities that Star Air will connect



Mundra include Hindon, Surat, Belagavi, Bengaluru, Kolhapur and Nanded.

Built on the Adani Group's proven development model, the Mundra Airport is engineered for efficiency and growth. A massive 1,900-metre runway capable of handling a wide range of passenger and cargo aircraft, and a modern terminal featuring spacious parking, multiple check-in counters, comfortable lounges, and a full-service food court will open this region to plethora of opportunities. The airport is full accessibility with wheelchair facilities and dedicated pas-

senger drop-off zones.

The establishment of this air route is a calculated move to fuel the economic engine of India's largest private port Mundra, and the country's largest notified, operational multi-product Mundra SEZ, the nerve centre of India's import-export activity.

This air connectivity provides the critical last-mile link, enabling the vast volumes of trade flowing through the port to be more efficiently managed and integrated with national and global supply chains.

The premier airport will enable the Adani Group to create a powerful synergy between its port and aviation operations and is poised to become a vital catalyst, driving the future of Kutch's trade, industry, and tourism to remarkable new heights.



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पाकिस्तान के वायुक्षेत्र में घुसा एयर इंडिया का विमान

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। एयर इंडिया का एक विमान सोमवार रात कुछ समय के लिए गलती से पाकिस्तान के हवाई क्षेत्र में प्रवेश कर गया। इस मामले में दोनों पायलट और अमृतसर हवाई अड्डे पर तैनात एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोलर (एटीसी) पर अंतरिम कार्रवाई की गई है।

नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने बताया कि चालक दल के सदस्य और एटीसी ने इस घटना को सूचना संबंधित नियमकों को नहीं दी, इसलिए उन पर कार्रवाई की गई है। सूत्रों के अनुसार, उन्हें तैनाती से हटा दिया गया है। डीजीसीए ने कहा कि इस घटना के बारे में पाकिस्तान एटीसी प्राधिकरण से बातचीत की गई। आखिर में विमान

- दिल्ली से अमृतसर जा रहे विमान के साथ घटना
- दोनों पायलट और एटीसी पर अंतरिम कार्रवाई हुई

को दिल्ली डायवर्ट कर सुरक्षित उतार लिया गया। पाकिस्तान ने अप्रैल 2019 से भारतीय एयरलाइंस के लिए अपने हवाई क्षेत्र को बंद कर रखा है।

एयर इंडिया ने बताया कि 22 जून को उड़ान संख्या एआई-479 दिल्ली से अमृतसर पहुंची थी और उतरने से पहले आसपास के क्षेत्र में चक्कर लगाने की प्रक्रिया 'गो-अराउंड' के दौरान विमान कुछ देर के लिए पाक हवाई क्षेत्र में प्रवेश कर गया था।



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इंडिगो के सामने आया एयर इंडिया का विमान

नई दिल्ली/मुंबई। अहमदाबाद एयरपोर्ट पर बुधवार शाम पार्किंग बे की ओर जाते समय एयर इंडिया का एक विमान गलत दिशा में मुड़ गया और उसी टैक्सीवे पर इंडिगो के एक विमान के सामने आ गया। इंडिगो ने कहा कि दोनों एक-दूसरे से सुरक्षित दूरी पर रुक गए। मुंबई जाने वाला इंडिगो का विमान उड़ान भरने की तैयारी कर रहा था, तभी एयर इंडिया का विमान गलत दिशा में मुड़ गया।



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Air India weighing more flight reductions

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NEW DELHI: Air India is considering a long-term reduction in the number of flights it operates, by up to 30%, as part of its effort to return to profitability, officials at the Tata Group-owned airline said.

The Air India group, as per data by Cirium- an aviation analytics company, has already reduced the number of flights it operates since March, from 34481 flights to 27736 in June, a nearly 20% reduction, but these cuts were expected to be temporary. The officials said the airline will now restructure its flights, perhaps restart some of the ones it has suspended since March, but suspend others. Overall, an up to 30% reduction would mean its monthly flights go down by around 10,344 flights.

Air India group runs full service Air India and low cost Air India Express.



Air India's loss is estimated at nearly ₹27,000 cr in FY26. MINT

Air India is expected to declare a loss of almost ₹27,000 crore in 2025-26, a year in which it saw the unfortunate crash of AI 171 that killed 260 people, and a spike in operational costs on account of fuel prices and flight path diversions forced upon it by the war in West Asia.

HT learns that Tata Sons, the holding company, has pushed Air India to cut costs and focus on profitability.

"The plan to restructure operations was discussed as one of

the options in the Tata Sons board meeting," one of the officials cited above said, asking not to be named.

A detailed query sent to Air India and Tata Sons on Friday did not elicit a response.

As part of the plan, the airline will also look at gradually phasing out of older planes or use them for fewer flights because those are expensive to operate as compared to newer ones, a second official said, asking not to be named. On many key routes, the airline is also considering merging flights, this person added. "Focus, essentially, is on profitability."

A third official said the airline was prioritising operational stability over growth. "The focus is on strengthening the network by flying routes that generate better returns. Expansion can resume once the airline is financially stable," the official said on condition of anonymity.

Bloomberg reported on June 12 that the airline is also in talks

with Airbus and Boeing to defer deliveries to a later date; the airline has orders of around 500 aircraft with the two companies, and its peak deliveries were scheduled in 2027-28.

A reduction in the number of flights operated by Air India, will impact passenger growth and fares.

As per latest data by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, the Air India group has a domestic market share of 24.7%.

Kapil Kaul, CEO & director CAPA India said, "Cost pressures continue to remain severe due to factors such as currency depreciation, high fuel costs and airspace closures. With demand also softening and Q2 being an off-season period, short-term network rationalisation is both imperative and logical. Continued geopolitical uncertainty adds to the challenges. Reducing losses and conserving cash will need to be the key focus areas driving decisions across airlines."



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incident has been reported to the regulatory authorities and is being investigated internally.

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● INDIA FACES A PILOT SHORTAGE, WITH ITS LARGEST AIRLINE, INDIGO, HAVING JUST 7.6 PILOTS PER NARROWBODY PLANE

India eyes simulator-led pilot licencing, document shows

Reuters

New Delhi, June 24

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The plan, however, has already drawn some concerns, with the Association of Flight

Training Organisations saying cutting time in real aircraft could weaken cadets' hands-on flying skills and judgement in unexpected situations, according to a letter dated June 9.

The group has asked the regulator to mandate at least 150 hours in actual aircraft, instead of the 100 to 120 hours proposed in the draft.

The draft report itself acknowledged that some pilots could have "weaker hands-on flying instincts and less confidence handling unexpected situations independently."

IndiGo backed the pilot licensing proposal during consultations in August, an email shows, with Ashim Mitra, the airline's senior vice president of flight operations, writing that MPL was needed to "support the growth of aviation whilst ensuring safety as the bedrock."

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गलती से पाक हवाई क्षेत्र में घुसा एयर इंडिया का विमान नेविगेशन की पड़ताल में जुटी जांच एजेंसियां

अमृतसर, नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्या।
एअर इंडिया का एक विमान रास्ता भटककर पाकिस्तान के हवाई क्षेत्र में जा घुसा। इसे पाकिस्तान की एयर ट्रैफिक अथॉरिटी ने चेतावनी देकर वापस भेजा। विमान ने दिल्ली से उड़ान भरी थी और इसे अमृतसर लैंड होना था।

बताया जाता है कि पाकिस्तान के एयर स्पेस से जब फ्लाइट लौटी तब तक अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट पर ट्रैफिक बढ़ गया था, ऐसे में इसे वापस दिल्ली भेज दिया गया। एयरपोर्ट अधिकारियों ने बताया है कि तकनीकी खराबी के कारण यह विमान रास्ता भटक गया था। मामले की जांच की जा रही है।

● पाक के साथ भी ऐसा भी हुआ था

इससे पहले 12 जून को पाकिस्तान की भी पैसेजर फ्लाइट फ्लाई जिन्ना-9P514 खराब मौसम के कारण भारतीय एयरस्पेस में घुस आई थी। लाहौर एयरपोर्ट से उड़ान भरने के कुछ ही समय बाद फ्लाइट रास्ता भटक गई थी। हालांकि, तकनीकी गड़बड़ी का अंदेशा होते ही फ्लाइट को वापस पाकिस्तानी



तीन मिनट की देरी से भरी थी उड़ान

● एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी से मिली जानकारी के मुताबिक, एयरबस AI-321 विमान ने सोमवार रात 9 बजकर 18 मिनट पर दिल्ली से उड़ान भरी थी। यह विमान अपने तय समय से 3 मिनट देरी से उड़ा था। उड़ान के दौरान विमान में तकनीकी खराबी आई। विमान को रात 10 बजकर 30 मिनट पर अमृतसर में लैंड होना था, लेकिन यह रुट से भटक गया और पाकिस्तान के एयर स्पेस में जा घुसा। इस बात का पता पायलट को भी तब लगा, जब पाकिस्तान एयर ट्रैफिक अथॉरिटी से विमान को चेतावनी मिलने लगी।

एयरस्पेस में लाया गया।

● चार घंटे तक यात्रियों की सांसें अटकती: चार घंटे की देरी से पहुंचे यात्री दिल्ली लौटने और जरूरी प्रक्रियाओं के बाद विमान को दोबारा अमृतसर के लिए रवाना किया गया। आखिरकार सोमवार और मंगलवार की दरमियानी रात करीब 2:20 बजे विमान अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित उतर गया।

● क्या कहा अधिकारी ने..

अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि किसी भी विमान की लैंडिंग से पहले एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल की ओर से अंतिम अनुमति दी जाती है। कई बार रनवे की उपलब्धता, एयर ट्रैफिक या अन्य तकनीकी कारणों से विमान को कुछ समय तक हवा में ही होल्डिंग पैटर्न में इंतजार करना पड़ता है। यह आम बात है।



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Akasa Air plans IPO in next 2-4 yrs

NEW DELHI: Akasa Air plans to launch an initial public offering (IPO) within the next two to four years, subject to achieving key financial milestones, Chief Financial Officer Ankur Goel said on Tuesday.

Speaking at a media briefing, Goel said an IPO is inevitable for the airline. "It is not a question of if, but when," he said, adding that the carrier is focused on creating long-term value rather than pursuing a listing for its own sake.

The timeline will depend on factors such as achieving EBITDA positivity, improving cash flows and attaining profitability. Akasa Air was EBITDA positive during the September 2025-March 2026 period and reported lower losses compared with the previous year.



Goel said the airline remains "cautiously optimistic" despite industry headwinds, including higher fuel costs and disruptions linked to the West Asia conflict. He added that all key operating metrics, including revenue, unit costs, EBITDA and cash burn, continue to improve as projected.

The airline aims to increase capacity by 30 per cent in the current financial year and expects annual growth of 30-40 per cent over the next four to five years. It also plans

to expand internationally, with Southeast Asia identified as the next growth market.

Akasa Air currently operates a fleet of 39 aircraft and serves 34 destinations, including seven international cities. The carrier has ordered 226 Boeing 737 MAX aircraft, with the remaining 187 scheduled for delivery over the next six years.

For FY26, operating revenue rose 37 per cent while capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased 30 per cent. Revenue per available seat kilometre (RASK) improved 10 per cent, while cost per available seat kilometre (CASK) declined 4 per cent. The airline said EBITDAR margins improved 60 per cent, driven by scale, operational efficiency and disciplined execution. AGENCIES



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AI Delhi-Amritsar flight sent back after entering Pak airspace briefly

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WHILE maneuvering a go-around due to heavy traffic congestion, an Air India flight from Delhi to Amritsar briefly entered Pakistani airspace on Monday night, raising alarm bells. The aircraft was alerted by Pakistani Air Traffic Control (ATC) and was guided back. Sources said that the Airbus A321 (Flight AI-463) took off from Delhi at 9:18 pm on Monday and was scheduled to land at Amritsar at 10:30 pm. However, while executing a go-around due to heavy traffic congestion at the airport and the lack of an immediate landing slot, the aircraft deviated from its route and briefly entered Pakistani airspace.

After being alerted by Pakistani Air Traffic Control (ATC), the pilots immediately corrected their course and returned to Indian airspace. Subsequently, Air Traffic Control at Amritsar instructed the aircraft to return to Delhi, where it landed safely for technical inspection.

About two hours later, after obtaining the necessary clear-



Air India flight AI479 briefly entered Pakistan airspace while executing a go-around near Amritsar on June 22 due to airport congestion and holding instructions.

Pakistan ATC alerted crew about airspace infringement, after which the aircraft promptly corrected course and returned to Indian airspace.

DGCA said the aircraft was initially asked to hold because of a runway inspection following a bird-strike-related incident at Amritsar airport.

Passengers faced about 4-hours delay; Air India and DGCA have reported the incident to authorities and initiated investigations.

ance, the aircraft departed again for Amritsar and landed there at 2:20 am on Tuesday. As a result, passengers faced a delay of about four hours, sources said. "The aircraft, after diverting from its flight path, was promptly flagged by the air traffic control of the neighbouring country, which coordinated with the pilots to alert them to the airspace breach. They immediately corrected their course and guided the aircraft back into Indian territory," said a senior airport official on condition of anonymity, adding that such incidents occasionally occur during rou-

tine operations.

In an official statement, Air India said, "The crew operating flight AI-479 from Delhi to Amritsar on June 22 had marginally infringed into Pakistan airspace while manoeuvring a go-around at Amritsar airport. The incident has been reported to the regulatory authorities and is being investigated internally. At Air India, the safety of passengers and crew remains our top priority."

The DGCA has also issued a statement, saying that the flight was initially asked to hold operations due to a bird strike incident at the Amritsar airport.

एयर इंडिया की उड़ान अमृतसर में अधिक ट्रैफिक होने से रोकी थी फ्लाइट, तब पहुंच गई पाकिस्तान

अमृतसर जा रहा प्लेन लाहौर पहुंचा तो चेतावनी मिली- जनाब पाकिस्तान आ गए, वजह बताएं?

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■ **नई दिल्ली:** दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से 200 से अधिक यात्रियों और कू को लेकर अमृतसर के लिए उड़ान भरने वाली एयर इंडिया की फ्लाइट AI-479 पाकिस्तान पहुंच गई। भारत की इस फ्लाइट ने पाकिस्तान के प्रतिबंधित एयर स्पेस में करीब 150

पायलट ने कहा, गलती से पाक के एयर स्पेस में आ गए

किलोमीटर की दूरी तय की। इस दौरान यह लाहौर के करीब तक जा पहुंची और पायलट को इसका पता ही नहीं लगा। पायलट को इस गलती का अहसास तब हुआ, जब उन्हें पाकिस्तान के दूसरे सबसे बिजी अल्लामा इकबाल इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से एटीसी ने संपर्क कर बताया कि 'जनाब, आप भारत में नहीं पाकिस्तान के एयर स्पेस में आ गए हो, पाकिस्तान में घुसने की वाजिब वजह बताएं? जवाब में भारतीय पायलट ने कहा कि गलती से वह पाकिस्तानी एयर स्पेस में प्रवेश कर गए। इसके बाद पायलट यू टर्न लेकर फ्लाइट को भारत में लाया।



घूम आया लाहौर के शहर

प्लेन याघा बॉर्डर से होते हुए लाहौर के ऐतिहासिक शहर मन्हाला और मौजौक शहर के ऊपर से उड़ा और फिर भारतीय एयर स्पेस में घुसा। यह पैसेंजर फ्लाइट थी। इस वजह से पाकिस्तानी एजेंसियों ने कोई एक्शन नहीं लिया, चेतावनी देकर भारत जाने के लिए बोला गया।

DGCA कर रहा जांच, कैसे हुई घटना?

प्लेन को अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट पर 22 जून की रात 10:30 बजे लैंड करना था। लैंडिंग की अनुमति न मिलने पर गो-अराउंड के दौरान प्लेन कुछ समय को पाकिस्तानी एयरस्पेस में प्रवेश कर गया। अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट पर ट्रैफिक अधिक होने से एटीसी ने लैंडिंग रोकी थी। एक्विशन रेगुलेटर DGCA जांच कर रहा है। दोनों पायलट को डी-रेस्टर कर दिया गया है। DGCA ने कहा, पाकिस्तान ATC अधिकारियों के साथ तालमेल बिठाया। प्लेन को डायवर्ट कर दिया गया, जो दिल्ली में उतरा।

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AI flight enters Pak airspace on go-around, returns safely

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An Air India flight operating from Delhi to Amritsar reportedly strayed into Pakistani airspace on Monday night while carrying out a go-around manoeuvre at Amritsar airport on June 22. The aircraft, an Airbus A321 (Flight AI-479), safely returned to Indian airspace after receiving a warning from Lahore Air



Traffic Control (ATC) and later landed in Amritsar after a brief diversion back to the national capital.

According to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), interim action has been taken against the concerned Air traffic controller at Amritsar and the operating crew for non-reporting of the event pending an investigation.

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AI flight enters Pak airspace on go-around...

"On 22.06.2026, Air India Airbus 321 Aircraft VT PPV operating flight AI 479 (Delhi — Amritsar) during approach was asked to hold due to runway inspection post a bird strike incident. After the aircraft commenced approach during radar vectoring, the aircraft briefly entered the Pakistan airspace. The event was coordinated with the Pakistan ATC Authorities. The aircraft finally diverted back to Delhi and safely landed at Delhi," the regulator said in a statement.

Earlier, in a statement, Air India said the crew operating flight AI479 from Delhi to Amritsar on 22 June had marginally infringed on the Pakistan airspace while manoeuvring a go-around at Amritsar airport. "The incident has been reported to the regulatory authorities and is being investigated internally. At Air India, the safety of passengers and crew remains top priority," the airline said.

According to preliminary information, the aircraft was initially instructed by Air Traffic Control (ATC) to hold over 13 DME (Distance Measuring Equipment). However, it continued towards AAR, took a left turn and crossed the International Border (IB), resulting in a brief entry into Pakistani airspace. The aircraft was unable to follow ATC instructions during the manoeuvre and subsequently crossed the border.

Sources said the Airbus A321 departed Delhi at approximately 9.18 pm and, instead of landing at Amritsar's Sri Guru Ramdas Ji International Airport, drifted toward the international border into Pakistani airspace. Upon detection, Lahore ATC alerted the pilot, after which the aircraft executed a U-turn.

Instead of landing at Amritsar, the flight was diverted back to Delhi due to heavy air traffic. It later departed again from Delhi and landed in Amritsar at around 2.10 am on June 24.

The incident occurred because of heavy congestion at Amritsar airport. Multiple aircraft were asked to remain in a holding pattern before landing, prompting AI479 to execute a go-around after its approach. During the manoeuvre, the aircraft briefly entered Pakistani airspace before immediately returning to Indian airspace, sources said.

The development comes a month after a Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) flight briefly entered Indian airspace due to adverse weather before being guided back to its designated route by Indian air traffic controllers. While military tensions have eased between the two neighbouring countries, diplomatic relations remain strained, with both sides continuing with retaliatory measures introduced during the crisis.



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एअर इंडिया का विमान पाक में घुसा

पंजाब केसरी/नई दिल्ली

दिल्ली से अमृतसर आ रही एअर इंडिया की फ्लाइट एआई-479 उड़ान तकनीकी गड़बड़ी के बाद अपने निर्धारित मार्ग से हटकर पाकिस्तान के हवाई क्षेत्र में पहुंच गई। पाकिस्तान की एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल एजेंसी की ओर से चेतावनी मिलने के बाद विमान का रूट बदला गया और उसे भारतीय हवाई क्षेत्र में वापस लाया गया। जिसके बाद विमान को वापिस दिल्ली की ओर डायवर्ट कर दिया गया। जानकारी के अनुसार एयरबस ए-321 विमान दिल्ली से अमृतसर के लिए रवाना हुआ था। उड़ान के दौरान तकनीकी समस्या आने के कारण विमान का



मार्ग प्रभावित हुआ और वह निर्धारित एयर कॉरिडोर से हट गया। विमान कुछ समय के लिए पाकिस्तान के हवाई क्षेत्र में पहुंच गया, जिसके बाद पाकिस्तान एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल एजेंसियों के साथ समन्वय स्थापित किया गया। स्थिति को देखते हुए विमान को सीधे अमृतसर ले जाने के बजाय वापस दिल्ली भेजा गया, जहां उसकी तकनीकी जांच की गई। जांच पूरी होने और आवश्यक अनुमति मिलने के बाद विमान ने दोबारा

● तकनीकी खराबी से रास्ता भटका, पाकिस्तान ने चेतावनी देकर लौटाया

अमृतसर के लिए उड़ान भरी और तड़के सुरक्षित लैंडिंग की।

इस पूरी घटना के कारण यात्रियों को करीब चार घंटे की देरी का सामना करना पड़ा। अमृतसर पहुंचने का निर्धारित समय निकल जाने के बाद विमान बुधवार सुबह अपने गंतव्य तक पहुंच सका। विमान न अधिकारियों द्वारा पूरे घटनाक्रम की समीक्षा की जा रही है और तकनीकी गड़बड़ी के कारणों की जांच की जा रही है।



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Airlines turn to AI to save fuel, IndiGo to start trials on Airbus fleet from today

After doing everything humanely possible to cut fuel burn, Indian airlines have turned to AI to help save the expensive black gold. IndiGo has asked its pilots to use the "OptiClimb solution" on a trial basis from Thursday on its Airbus fleet, reports **Saurabh Sinha**. Instead of taking off at a constant speed, pilots will use varying speeds wherever possible. The airline aims to save 60-65 kg of fuel per take-off. With about 2,000 daily flights, the savings could be significant. Lower fuel burn also means lower emissions. In a mail to about 6,000 pilots, Captain Ashim Mittra, IndiGo's senior VP (flight operations), said the airline has been working with SITA on OptiClimb, an AI-powered flight optimisation solution that helps reduce fuel burn and carbon emissions during the climb phase, which accounts for the highest rate of fuel consumption during a flight. By considering actual aircraft performance, planned take-off weight, cruise altitude and atmospheric conditions, OptiClimb enables more efficient climb profiles, delivering reductions in fuel consumption and emissions while maintaining safety and regulatory compliance. With next-generation aircraft still years away, AI could help airlines save more fuel. Captain Mittra said the initiative aims to enhance fuel efficiency, reduce carbon footprint and strengthen operational sustainability while ensuring adherence to ATC requirements and safe operating practices.

Air India Delhi-Amritsar flight strays into Pakistan airspace

DGCA initiates action as crew, ATC fail to report incident

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AMRITSAR/NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

An Air India Delhi-Amritsar flight briefly entered Pakistan's airspace during its approach to the border city on Monday night, prompting the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to initiate interim action against the operating crew and an air traffic controller (ATC) at Amritsar for failing to report the incident.

The incident assumed significance as India and Pakistan have closed their airspace to each other's aircraft following the deterioration in bilateral ties after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

According to a senior DGCA official, the Air India Airbus A321 aircraft, with registration VT-PPV and operating flight AI 479 from Delhi to Amritsar on June 22, was asked to enter a holding pattern during its approach to Amritsar owing to a runway inspection following a bird strike incident.

The aviation watchdog said after the aircraft commenced its approach during radar vectoring, it briefly entered

CRACKS IN AIRBUS WINGS TRIGGER CHECKS

Fresh safety concerns have surfaced around Airbus A380 after cracks were discovered in a critical wing component on some of the world's largest jets, forcing regulators to order urgent inspections on aircraft operated by Emirates and Qantas. **INSIDE**



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WHEN PLANE FINALLY LANDED AT AMRITSAR AIRPORT AFTER A DELAY OF NEARLY 4 HOURS

the Pakistan airspace. The incident was coordinated with the Pakistan air traffic control authorities before the aircraft eventually diverted back to Delhi and landed safely. "Interim action has been taken against the ATC concerned at Amritsar and the operating crew for not reporting the event," the DGCA official said.

The aircraft had taken off from Delhi at 9.18 pm on Monday night and was supposed to land at Amritsar's Sri Guru Ram Das Jee International Airport at 10.30 pm, but the plane, during the "holding pattern" to delay the arrival at the airport, deviated from its route and entered

Pakistan's airspace briefly.

Sources in the Airports Authority of India, which manages the Amritsar airport, said the local airport control room instructed the aircraft to return to Delhi, where it landed safely. About two hours later, after getting due permission, the plane took off again for Amritsar and landed there at 2.20 am. The passengers had to face a delay of about four hours.

The details about the number of passengers on board the Air India plane could not be ascertained. Earlier last week, an Air India flight operating from Delhi to Raipur was hit by a bird during its landing at the Raipur airport.