

Smaller towns to get a big lift: 29 new airports

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The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has completed feasibility studies for 10 such airports, aiming to link smaller towns with global air routes, two officials aware of the development told Mint.

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The second official emphasized that larger airports in smaller cities are crucial to building sufficient infrastructure for long-term growth.

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that they can support growth for a long term,” the official added.

The officials, however, did not provide any estimate on the cost of building these airports, or a timeline, since they are still in early stages of planning.

Emails sent to AAI and the aviation ministry on Monday remained unanswered at the time of publishing.

Analysts welcome the move but stress that airport planning should be driven primarily by passenger growth forecasts, ensuring that infrastructure matches demand rather than political motivations.

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Martin also stressed that regions like Manipal, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, and Bihar should be prioritized for better connectivity, to address growing demand.

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"Airport planning in the past have been based more on politics that has led to airports with no passengers and city like Patna still struggling with an unsafe airport... It is good that a greenfield airport is planned for Patna but some airports in the list still seems unnecessary," he added.

Post-pandemic, small towns in India have experienced a surge in passenger traffic, driven by the government's UDAN scheme, which subsidizes flights to underserved destinations. Some airports have seen a six-fold increase in passengers this fiscal year, albeit from a low base.

Launched in 2017, the UDAN scheme has significantly boosted air travel demand in smaller towns. Domestic routes have risen from 215 in 2014 to 540 by April 2024, with a target of 1,000 operational UDAN routes.

The planned greenfield airports, in addition to new metro airports like Jewar and Navi Mumbai, aim to meet rising demand.

Indian carriers ferried 8 million passengers during the quarter ended June, a 17.6% growth year-on-year, while international passenger traffic grew 10% to 9.6 million.

Estimates, based on passenger growth, suggest that 14 cities may soon need second or third airports to keep up with rising demand. Chennai and Pune are in advanced stages of planning second airports, while Mumbai and Bengaluru could require third airports by 2047.

Tier-II cities such as Srinagar, Kolkata, Chandigarh, Dehradun, Gorakhpur, and Lehi will also likely need new airports over the next 10 to 20 years to accommodate future growth.

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एयरपोर्ट पर चलेगी एयर ट्रेन... एक से दूसरे टर्मिनल पर पहुंचना होगा आसान

एयरपोर्ट संचालन करने वाली कंपनी ने एपीएम व मोनो रेल चलाने की पहल की, ट्रेन से एयरोसिटी पहुंचने में शटल बस की नहीं होगी आवश्यकता

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नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर अब कनेक्टिंग विमान से उड़ान भरने के लिए आपाधापी नहीं होगी। अगर आप घरेलू विमान से एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-1 पर पहुंचते हैं और अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमान के लिए टर्मिनल-3 तक पहुंचना है, तो इसके लिए एयरपोर्ट से बाहर निकलकर अन्य वाहन से जाने की मजबूरी नहीं होगी। अंदर ही अंदर यात्रियों को सुविधा मिलेगी जिससे वह एक से दूसरे टर्मिनल तक कुछ ही मिनट में पहुंच जायेंगे।

दरअसल, एयरपोर्ट संचालन करने वाली कंपनी ने इसके लिए मोनो रेल (हवा में चलने वाली) व जमीन में चलने वाली एयर ट्रेन स्वचालित पीपुल मूवर (एपीएम) चलाने की पहल की है। इसके लिए निविदा जारी की गई है। आवंटित होने के बाद तीन साल में इसे पूरा कर लिया जाएगा। अधिकारियों के अनुसार 2027 तक योजना हकीकत में तब्दील होगी। इसके बाद यात्री एयरपोर्ट पर



मुफ्त होगी सुविधा

टर्मिनलों के बीच आवागमन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए यात्रियों के लिए एयर ट्रेनों का उपयोग दुबई समेत कई एयरपोर्ट पर किया जा रहा है। इस तरह की सुविधा एयरपोर्ट पर मुस्त है। इस तरह की ट्रेन से यात्री एक टर्मिनल से दूसरे टर्मिनल तक यात्रा कर सकेंगे। खासतौर से ट्रांजिट उड़ानों के दौरान इनका उपयोग अधिक होता है। इसका उद्देश्य यात्रियों को एक टर्मिनल से दूसरे टर्मिनल तक पहुंच तेजी से होगी। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर एयर ट्रेन की सुविधा से विमान यात्रियों को शटल बसों की आवश्यकता नहीं होगी।

बाधरहित सफर कर सकेंगे।

दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों को कई अंतरराष्ट्रीय सुविधाएं मिल रही हैं। इसी कड़ी में एक और सुविधा यात्रियों को मिलने जा रही है। इसे

लेकर दिल्ली अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) ने कवायद शुरू की है। इसके अनुसार टर्मिनल 1, 2 और 3 को आपस में वाहन के माध्यम से जोड़ा जाएगा। ट्रेन में चार

करोड़ रुपये खर्च आने का अनुमान, तीन साल में बनकर हो जाएगा तैयार

- दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से हर साल 7 करोड़ से अधिक यात्रियों का आवागमन होता है।
- अनुमान है कि अगले 6 से 8 वर्षों में क्षमता को 13 करोड़ यात्रियों की हो जाएगी
- ऐसे में एयरपोर्ट पर हवाई ट्रेन की आवश्यकता काफी अधिक है।
- अनुमान के अनुसार करीब 25 फीसदी ट्रांजिट यात्री होते हैं। उन्हें टर्मिनलों के बीच आना-जाना होता है।

स्टॉप की व्यवस्था होगी, जहां से यात्री अपने-अपने टर्मिनल तक पहुंच सकेंगे। इस एयर ट्रेन को डीटीसी की फीडर बसों के विकल्प के तौर पर पेश किया जाएगा।

एयरपोर्ट से एयरोसिटी भी पहुंचना होगा आसान

योजना के अनुसार इस सुविधा को टी-1, टी-2 व टी-3 के साथ ही एयरोसिटी और कार्गो सिटी से जोड़ा जाएगा। करीब 7.7 किलोमीटर की दूरी ट्रेन तय करेगी। इससे एयरपोर्ट की क्षमता भी बढ़ेगी। खास बात यह भी है कि एयरोसिटी में कई फाइव स्टार होटल हैं। लिहाजा टर्मिनल-3 से निकलकर अंतरराष्ट्रीय व घरेलू विमान के यात्री आसानी से अपने होटल पहुंच सकेंगे। टी-3 पर दिल्ली मेट्रो भी है। लिहाजा टी-1 पर उतरकर यात्री टी-3 आसानी से पहुंचेंगे और दिल्ली शहर के लिए मेट्रो की सवारी कर अपने गंतव्य तक पहुंच जाएंगे। एक अनुमान के अनुसार इस सुविधा के निर्माण में 2,000 करोड़ रुपये की खर्च आ सकती है।

तैयारी • प्रोजेक्ट की डेडलाइन वर्ष 2027 रखी गई दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर एयर ट्रेन सर्विस शुरू होगी

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अगले कुछ वर्षों में दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर एक टर्मिनल से दूसरे टर्मिनल तक जाने के लिए यात्रियों को एयर ट्रेन की सुविधा मिलेगी। यह एयर ट्रेन दरअसल एलिवेटेड ट्रेन या ऑटोमेटेड पीपुल मूवर (एपीएम) होगी जिससे हवाई अड्डे की कनेक्टिविटी में बढ़ोतरी होने की उम्मीद है। एपीएम बगैर ड्राइवर वाले ट्रांजिट सिस्टम होते हैं। ये मुख्य रूप से दो टर्मिनलों के बीच या एयरपोर्ट पार्किंग से टर्मिनल तक कनेक्टिविटी प्रदान करने के लिए एयरपोर्ट पर स्थापित किए जाते हैं। दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) द्वारा 7.7 किमी के रूट पर एपीएम चलाने के लिए बोलियां मंगवाई हैं। इसमें चार स्टॉफ होंगे, जो टी2/3, टी1, एयरोसिटी और कॉर्गो सिटी के बीच होंगे। डायल को अक्टूबर-नवंबर के दौरान इस परियोजना के लिए बोलियां मिलने

8 वर्ष में दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट की क्षमता 13 करोड़ होगी



दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट सालाना 7 करोड़ यात्रियों को सेवा देता है। अगले 8 वर्षों में क्षमता दोगुनी होने की उम्मीद है। 25% यात्री कनेक्टिंग यात्री होंगे, जो टर्मिनल एक से टर्मिनल 2 और 3 के बीच कनेक्टिंग फ्लाइट पकड़ने के लिए किसी तेज साधन की तलाश में होंगे। ऐसे में इस सुविधा के बिना यात्रियों को संभालना आसान नहीं होगा।

की उम्मीद है। प्रोजेक्ट की लागत 2,000 करोड़ के करीब हो सकती है। डेडलाइन 2027 रखी गई है।

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एयरपोर्ट; अब चेन्नई के लिए रोजाना 2 फ्लाइट, 1 सुबह, दूसरी दोपहर में

जयपुर| जयपुर से दक्षिण भारत के लिए एयर कनेक्टिविटी बढ़ेगी। एयरपोर्ट से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार जयपुर से चेन्नई के लिए नई फ्लाइट शुरू होंगी। इसमें फ्लाइट 6ई-264 चेन्नई से सुबह 9:55 बजे जयपुर आएगी। वापसी में फ्लाइट 6ई-265 जयपुर से सुबह 10:25 बजे चेन्नई जाएगी। अभी जयपुर से इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की ही एक फ्लाइट दोपहर 2:05 बजे चेन्नई के लिए संचालित होती है, लेकिन अब सुबह की इस फ्लाइट के बाद जयपुर से रोज 2 फ्लाइट संचालित होंगी।

एपीएम से जुड़ेंगे आइजीआइ के तीनों टर्मिनल

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट के सभी टर्मिनल आपस में एकीकृत परिवहन प्रणाली से जोड़ दिए जाएंगे। इसके लिए आटोमेटेड पैसेंजर मूवर (एपीएम) सुविधा विकसित करने के लिए दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन एजेंसी डायल ने काम करना शुरू कर दिया है। एजेंसी ने टेंडर जारी किया है। जल्द ही परियोजना में हिस्सेदारी के लिए कई कंपनियां भी आगे आएंगी। अनुमान के अनुसार इस योजना को मूर्त रूप देने में करीब ढाई हजार करोड़ रुपये खर्च होंगे। यदि सब कुछ सही रहा तो यह परियोजना वर्ष 2027 तक पूरी कर ली जाएगी। एलिवेटेड लाइन की लंबाई करीब सात किलोमीटर होगी।

क्यों है जरूरी : आने वाले समय में टर्मिनल तीन को पूरी तरह



टर्मिनल 1 से 3 के बीच की दूरी तय करने के लिए बना कारिडोर • जागरण

अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए आरक्षित कर दिया जाएगा। विदेश से यहां उतरने वाले यात्रियों को यदि दिल्ली से देश के किसी भी स्थान के लिए कनेक्टिंग फ्लाइट लेनी है तो उसे या तो टर्मिनल-2 या फिर टर्मिनल 1 जाना होगा। अभी टर्मिनल 3 से टर्मिनल 1 के बीच कम से कम पांच

किलोमीटर की दूरी है, जिसे तय करने के लिए केवल सड़क मार्ग ही विकल्प है।

मान लीजिए की आप पटना से नई दिल्ली आ रहे हैं और आपका विमान टर्मिनल-1 पर लैंड करता है। लैंडिंग के करीब एक घंटे बाद आपको मुंबई की कनेक्टिंग फ्लाइट लेनी है, जिसके लिए आपको टर्मिनल 3 जाना है। अभी टर्मिनल-1 से टर्मिनल-3 जाने के लिए शटल बस सेवा, टैक्सी या कैब है। टैक्सी वाले आपसे मनमाना किराया लेंगे, जबकि शटल बस सेवा अपने नियत समय से ही चलेगी। शटल बस हर 20 मिनट से आधे घंटे के अंतराल पर चलती है। यदि आप सोचेंगे कि आपको फौरन शटल बस टर्मिनल के बाहर मिल जाए तो आपको यहां परेशानी उठानी पड़ेगी।

RENAMING | Maharashtra government approved the proposal to name Pune Airport after Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj

State approves airport name proposed by MoS



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PUNE

Maharashtra government on Monday approved Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol's proposal to name Pune Airport as Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Airport. The decision was taken in a cabinet meeting and now the proposal will be sent to the Centre.

Talking to X (formerly Twitter), Mohol thanked the Mahayuti government, consisting of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena and Deputy CM Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP). He wrote,

"Thank you, Mahayuti government! Thank you, Devendraji! The first step towards naming of the international airport in Pune as 'Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Airport' has been taken today and the proposal given by me has been approved at a cabinet meeting. It will now be sent to the central government for further processing (sic)."

Mohol said he had met Shinde, Fadnavis and Pawar recently and proposed the naming. "Sant Tukaram was born in Lohegaon, where Pune International Airport is located. Not only this, he spent his childhood in Lohegaon, so Lohegaon and Sant Tukaram have a very

close relationship. Therefore, I submitted this proposal to the state government along with the wishes of the villagers and all the warkari community in Maharashtra. Moreover, Sant Tukaram contributed greatly to the propagation of Bhagwat Dharma and gave a new thought to the society, which is relevant even today. Therefore, giving Sant Tukaram's name to the international airport of Pune is a very common sentiment (sic)," the Pune MP wrote.

The process of changing the name of an airport involves the state government's approval of the proposal, which then needs the Central Cabinet's nod.

PM Modi to inaugurate Solapur Airport

■ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set to inaugurate the Solapur Airport through video conferencing on Thursday, Sep 26, officials said. Within a few days after the opening, flights to Pune and Mumbai would start from Solapur, they added.

■ FLY91, the newest addition to India's aviation industry, which is a regional carrier seeking to enhance air connectivity from tier 2 and tier 3 towns across India, will reportedly be the service provider. This will reportedly start under the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme. Besides, if the airline suffers a financial loss, the state government will compensate them for it. Moreover, the passengers are also going to be given a subsidy against their tickets.



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एयर ट्रेन से जुड़ेंगे तीनों टर्मिनल

सहूलियत

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर एक से दूसरे टर्मिनल तक आने-जाने के लिए यात्रियों को एयर ट्रेन की सुविधा मिलेगी। यह ट्रेन एयरोसिटी और कार्गो तक भी जाएगी। इसके लिए डायल की तरफ से टेंडर जारी किया गया है। वर्ष 2027 तक कार्य पूरा होना का लक्ष्य रखा गया है।

जानकारी के अनुसार, दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर टर्मिनल-2 और 3 एक जगह हैं, जबकि टर्मिनल-1 कुछ दूरी पर है। इन टर्मिनल के बीच सफर करने के लिए अभी यात्रियों को

डायल ने मंत्रालय को दी जानकारी, टेंडर निकाला

देश में चलने वाली यह पहली एयर ट्रेन भी होगी। डायल की तरफ से इसे लेकर टेंडर निकाला गया है। इसके साथ ही मंत्रालय को भी जानकारी दी गई है। सूत्रों की मानें तो आगामी अक्टूबर के अंत या नवंबर की शुरुआत में यह टेंडर किसी कंपनी को दिया जा सकता है। इसके लिए फिलहाल प्रोजेक्ट कीमत तय नहीं की गई है। कंपनियों के आवेदन आने के बाद इसपर निर्णय लिया जाएगा।

डीटीसी बस का इंतजार करना पड़ता है। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर औसतन सात करोड़ से ज्यादा यात्री प्रत्येक वर्ष सफर करते हैं। आने वाले वर्षों में यह आंकड़ा 10 करोड़ से ज्यादा पहुंचने का अनुमान है।

एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों की लगातार बढ़ रही संख्या को देखते हुए संचालन कंपनी डायल भविष्य की तैयारी कर रही है। तीनों टर्मिनल को आपस में

जोड़ने के लिए डायल ने एयर ट्रेन चलाने का फैसला किया है।

चार ठहराव होंगे: सूत्रों ने बताया कि एयर ट्रेन के कुल चार ठहराव होंगे। यह टर्मिनल-1, टर्मिनल-2-3, एयरोसिटी और कार्गो सिटी पर रुकेगी। कुल 7.7 किलोमीटर चलने वाली यह एयर ट्रेन यात्रियों के लिए बेहद सुविधाजनक होगी। इसमें यात्रियों का समय बचेगा।



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DIAL plans air train for connectivity

Delhi airport operator DIAL plans to introduce air train to provide seamless connectivity for passengers between Terminal 1 and the two other terminals at the airport.

The Indra Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), operated by the Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), is the country's busiest airport and has three terminals—T1, T2 and T3.

There are plans to implement "an elevated cum at-grade Automated People Mover (APM) System" at the airport on design, build, finance, operate and transfer model, according to DIAL.

A tender has been issued regarding APM or air train.

Specific details about bidding deadline and eligibility criteria for the entities with respect to implementing the APM could not be immediately ascertained. T1 is slightly away from T2 and T3. Currently, passengers travel between the terminals by road. The new T1 became operational on 17 August.

PTI

With upcoming plant, BIAL targets zero waste to landfills

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Bengaluru: Between 90% and 95% of the 25-30 tonnes of waste generated at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) is recycled, thanks to rigorous segregation practices and passenger and staff engagement.

“Currently, less than 5% of the airport’s total waste ends up in landfills — a number we are determined to further reduce,” said Hari Marar, MD and CEO of Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL), the operator of the airport.

BIAL’s long-term goal is sending zero waste to landfills. “A new solid waste management plant, expected to be operational by Dec 2024, is set to play a crucial role in achieving this goal. Designed to process up to 50 tonnes of waste a day using biomethanation technology, this facility will allow the airport to handle all of its organic waste in-house, significantly enhancing its waste processing capabilities.”

Organic waste, which accounts for 55-60% of the total waste, is sent to govt-authorized vendors for recycling,



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he said. The airport generates 2.5 to 3 tonnes of plastic waste daily. “Plastic waste has been used to replace 6% of bitumen in the construction of 70km of single-lane roads within the airport premises. The elimination of single-use plastics from food and beverage outlets and the use of biodegradable alternatives further underscore BIAL’s commitment to environmental sustainability,” Marar told TOI.

The airport runs awareness campaigns, places colour-coded bins throughout terminals, and conducts regular training sessions to promote proper waste segregation.

Trichy airport emerges busiest non-metro gateway to Southeast Asia Aviation Stakeholders Push For Expanded Services

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Trichy: Trichy Airport has emerged as the sixth busiest airport in India for passenger traffic to Southeast Asian countries in the 2023-24 financial year, handling over 9 lakh passengers. It is now the busiest non-metro airport for passenger traffic to Southeast Asia, surpassing other similar airports.

Aviation enthusiasts and tourism stakeholders are urging airlines to designate Trichy as a connecting hub to Southeast Asia and expand services, based on data from the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The airport currently operates 62 flights per week to Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand.

Despite limited services and a shorter runway that restricts wide-body aircraft, Trichy's impressive passenger numbers underscore the potential of the Southeast Asian route. The high passenger traffic is attributed to a mix of migrant workers, trade, tourism, and cultural ties, particularly among the



File photo

HANDLING OVER 9 LAKH PASSENGERS: The high passenger traffic is attributed to a mix of migrant workers, trade, tourism, and cultural ties

Tamil diaspora from the central region, including the Cauvery Delta districts.

In the 2023-24 financial year, Trichy ranked fourth among Indian airports for passenger traffic to Singapore (5.5 lakh passengers) and third for Kuala Lumpur (3.4 lakh passengers), outpacing several international airports. Five metro airports including Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, and Kolkata have handled higher passenger traffic than Trichy with Southeast Asia.

The introduction of a new service to Bangkok from Trichy is expected to boost traffic further, following the discontinuation of the Trichy-Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City) route. With such passenger statistics, the demand for new services from Trichy airport, particularly from the premium air carriers has grown louder.

"It is high time Trichy airport is designated as a connecting hub to Southeast Asia. Air carriers can consider operating connecting flights from other non-metro airports like Kochi and Pune to feed services to Malaysia and Singapore from Trichy. But to do so, the existing frequency of services must be increased," H Ubaidullah, an independent aviation analyst, told TOI.

Frequent flyers, like A R Yoagendran, have emphasized the need for runway expansion to accommodate wide-body aircraft and meet the growing demand for flights to Southeast Asia. "Existing services to both Malaysia and Singapore from Trichy are not adequate," he said.

Airport to get trusted traveller system soon for fastrack immigration

IN A NUTSHELL

> Indian nationals and foreign nationals holding Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cards are eligible for the trusted traveller programme. Later, it will be extended to foreign travellers

> The applicants' passport validity must be at least six months while applying for the Trusted Traveller Programme

> Registration will be for a maximum of five years or until

the expiry of the passport, whichever is first

> Passengers can scan their passport and boarding pass at the first e-gate. If verified, they can proceed to the next e-gate

> At the next e-gate, your face will be scanned. If verified, your emigration process is complete, and the passenger will be authenticated



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Chennai: Frequent flyers travelling abroad may no longer have to stand in long queues for immigration clearance at Chennai airport as the immigration bureau is setting up the fastrack system as part of the trusted traveller programme.

Those registered under the programme just have to scan their passport and boarding passes at the counter for immigration clearance. While eight walkthrough e-gates - four for arrival and four for departure - already reached the airport two months ago, immigration officials said that the connectivity works are yet to be completed. "It will be ready in a week," said officials.

The system was first launched at terminal 3 of the IGI airport in New Delhi in June,

and Chennai was among the seven other airports selected to implement the programme. Now, registration of eligible passengers is done at the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) in Nungambakkam, and immigration officials said that the response is good. Those who travel often can apply with the necessary documents, and their biometrics - fingerprints and face - would be captured. After verification, the passengers will be enrolled as trusted travellers.

However, passengers say the registration facility should be made available at Chennai airport itself. "It will be helpful for passengers to register for the programme on the go instead of going to the immigration office," said S Rakesh, a city-based techie.



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Pune airport to be named after Sant Tukaram

Pune: State govt in the cabinet meeting on Monday approved the renaming of the city's Lohegaon airport as 'Jagatguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj International Airport', reports **Joy Sengupta**. The proposal will now be sent to Centre for an approval.

Junior minister civil aviation and Pune Member of Parliament (MP) Murlidhar Mohol told TOI, "Sant Tukaram Maharaj spent his childhood in Lohegaon. Hence, we submitted this proposal to state govt, accompanied by the wishes of villagers. With approval from state govt, the proposal will now go to central govt and the Cabinet will take a decision in this regard."



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SpiceJet resolves dispute with Engine Lease Finance



Mumbai: Domestic carrier SpiceJet on Tuesday said it has successfully resolved its dispute with Engine Lease Finance Corporation (ELFC) through an amicable settlement. ELFC, which had previously claimed \$16.7 million, has agreed to settle for an undisclosed amount, which is lower than the initial claim, the Gurugram-based airline said in a statement. ¶11

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Shankh Air gets govt nod, set to be UP's first airline

India's newest airline, Shankh Air, has received approval from the Civil Aviation Ministry to operate in the country, according to news reports. It is set to be the first scheduled airline from Uttar Pradesh, with hubs at Lucknow and Noida. However, the airline will need clearance from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) before it can officially begin flights. The airline's strategy, as outlined on its official

website, is to connect major cities across India, enhancing regional mobility and improving air connectivity in underserved areas. According to the letter of approval from the ministry, Shankh Air must comply with foreign direct investment, market regulator Sebi, and other regulatory guidelines. The no-objection certificate issued for its operations will be valid for three years.

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नई एयरलाइन 'शंख' को उड़ान भरने की अनुमति

नई दिल्ली। एयरलाइन कंपनी 'शंख एयर' को देश में परिचालन के लिए नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय से मंजूरी मिल गई है। यह यूपी की पहली विमानन कंपनी होगी। इसका केंद्र लखनऊ और नोएडा में होगा। कंपनी सेवाओं की शुरुआत नई पीढ़ी के बोइंग 737-800एनजी विमानों के बड़े के साथ करेगी।



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स्पाइसजेट ने निपटाया 140 करोड़ का विवाद

नई दिल्ली | स्पाइसजेट ने इंजन लीज फाइनेंशियल कॉरपोरेशन के साथ करीब 140 करोड़ रुपए के विवाद को निपटा लिया है। हालांकि सेटलमेंट की राशि का खुलासा नहीं हुआ है, लेकिन यह वास्तविक राशि से कम है। विवाद 2017 में ईएलएफसी द्वारा स्पाइसजेट को 8 इंजन लीज पर देने से संबंधित था। कंपनी ने आरोप लगाए थे कि स्पाइसजेट ने 140 करोड़ नहीं चुकाए हैं।

टर्नअराउंड • गोल्डमैन सैक्स जैसे निवेशकों की दिलचस्पी स्पाइसजेट ने जुटाए 3 हजार करोड़, अब 100 विमान खरीदेगी कंपनी

नई दिल्ली | स्पाइसजेट ने संस्थागत निवेशकों को शेयर जारी करके (क्यूआईपी) 3,000 करोड़ रुपए जुटाए हैं। पिछले फंडिंग राउंड में भी कंपनी को 736 करोड़ मिले थे। इससे उत्साहित कंपनी 2026 तक 100 विमान खरीदने वाली है। एसपाइसजेट को मिली नई पूंजी को बाजार कंपनी की हालत सुधरने का संकेत मान रहा है। इसी कारण सोमवार को बीएसई पर स्पाइसजेट के शेयर 6% उछाल के साथ 70 रुपए पर बंद हुए। विदेशी ब्रोकरेज कंपनियां भी उत्साहित हैं। गोल्डमैन सैक्स और मॉर्गन स्टेनली कंपनी की मौजूदा माली हालत को नजरअंदाज करते हुए बड़ा दांव लगा रही हैं।



87 घरेलू, विदेशी संस्थाओं ने स्पाइसजेट में लगाई पूंजी

स्पाइसजेट के क्यूआईपी में जिन विदेशी निवेशकों को शेयर जारी किए गए, उनमें गोल्डमैन सैक्स और मॉर्गन स्टेनली के अलावा, सोसाइटी जनरल, नोमुरा सिंगापुर और डिस्कवरी ग्लोबल अर्पिच्युनिटी (मॉरीशस) शामिल हैं। यह इश्यू ओवर सब्सक्राइब हुआ। इसमें 87 भारतीय और अंतरराष्ट्रीय संस्थाओं ने हिस्सा लिया।



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सेवा में कमी को लेकर एतिहाद एयरवेज यात्री को देगा मुआवजा

रीतिका मिश्रा • जागरण

नई दिल्ली: दिल्ली राज्य उपभोक्ता विवाद निवारण आयोग ने एतिहाद एयरवेज को स्वीडन की एक नागरिक को उसका केबिन बैग मिलने में देरी के लिए सेवाओं में कमी का दोषी ठहराया है। आयोग ने एतिहाद एयरवेज को मुआवजे के लिए दो माह के अंदर 50 हजार रुपये और मुकदमे के खर्च के लिए 25 हजार रुपये का भुगतान करने का आदेश दिया। उपभोक्ता आयोग की अध्यक्ष न्यायमूर्ति संगीता ढींगरा सहगल व सदस्य जेपी अग्रवाल की पीठ ने साथ ही कहा कि अगर एयरवेज इस राशि का भुगतान 17 नवंबर तक शिकायतकर्ता नहीं करता है तो नौ प्रतिशत ब्याज के साथ भुगतान करना होगा।

शिकायतकर्ता आशा देवी ने शिकायत में कहा कि वह स्वीडन की नागरिक हैं और पीआइओ (भारतीय मूल के व्यक्ति) बीजा के तहत दिल्ली में रह

रही हैं। स्वीडन से दिल्ली आने के लिए एतिहाद एयरवेज का टिकट खरीदा था। एयरहोस्टेस ने ओवरहेड केबिन लाकर में जगह की कमी के कारण केबिन बैग को किसी दूसरे स्थान पर ले जाने का सुझाव दिया। बाद में एयरहोस्टेस ने खुद ही उनका सामान दूसरी जगह रख दिया।

दिल्ली उतरने पर भी उन्हें बैग नहीं मिला तो उन्हें इमिग्रेशन और बैगेज क्लेम के लिए कहा गया। इसके बाद उन्होंने आइजीआइ परिसर में एतिहाद एयरवेज काउंटर पर खोपे हुए केबिन बैगेज के लिए एक आवेदन जमा किया। उन्हें मौखिक रूप से आश्वासन दिया गया कि उनका सामान उनके पास पहुंच जाएगा। महिला ने कहा कि कई दिन के बाद एक कोरियर वाला उनके बैग को प्लास्टिक में लपेट कर लाया, लेकिन बैग में रखी 24 लाख स्वीडिश करेंसी, सोने की चेन, राडो की घड़ी, सोनी हैंडफोन गायब थे। उन्होंने इसकी शिकायत संबंधित अधिकारियों से की लेकिन कोई मदद नहीं मिली।

AFTER RAISING ₹3,000 CR THROUGH QIP...

SpiceJet Settles \$16 m Dispute with Engine Leasing Co ELFC

ON A CLEAN SLATE Ireland-based company to withdraw insolvency petition against the airline

Our Bureau

New Delhi: SpiceJet on Tuesday said it has successfully resolved its dispute with Engine Lease Finance Corporation (ELFC) by reaching an amicable financial settlement with the engine lessor.

The resolution tracks the budget airline raising ₹3,000 crore through a Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP), giving it a lifeline amid a severe financial crisis.

As part of this agreement, ELFC will withdraw its insolvency petition against the airline, SpiceJet said in a regulatory filing.

“We are pleased to have reached a mutually beneficial settlement with ELFC, which allows us to move forward with a clean slate. This agreement not only resolves past issues but also strengthens our position as we embark on our next phase of



growth and expansion,” said Ajay Singh, chairman and managing director of SpiceJet.

ELFC, the world’s leading independent engine leasing company based in Shannon, Ireland, had leased eight engines to SpiceJet in 2017. The company claimed around \$16 million in unpaid dues, including interest and rental, with default payments stret-

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AJAY SINGH
CMD, SpiceJet

ching back to April 2021.

The matter escalated to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), where SpiceJet had initially raised objections, citing technical defects in ELFC’s plea. The tribunal granted ELFC the opportunity to rectify these errors, after which a formal notice was issued to the airline.

The airline had earlier settled dispu-

tes with some creditors, including Celestial Aviation, but several cases have been escalated to the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) by dissatisfied petitioners.

Bolstered by the latest fundraise, SpiceJet aims to have a fleet of 100 aircraft by the end of 2026, Singh told ET recently.

He added that the carrier managed to reach amicable resolution with both aircraft manufacturers and lessors, and that ₹750 crore from the fundraise funding will be used to settle the remaining dues.

“Defaulting on lease payments is not a unique situation for us as multiple airlines couldn’t manage to pay after Covid. But lessors are very much invested to do business with airlines who have managed to stay alive and refinanced themselves. We have already settled with many of our largest lessors and the remaining will be done quickly,” he said.

Singapore Airlines CEO Set to Join Board of Air India

SIA to hold 25.1% in AI post Vistara merger; TaMo CFO too may get a seat

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& Arindam Majumder**

Mumbai | New Delhi: Following the dissolution of Vistara, Singapore Airlines (SIA) has nominated its chief executive officer, Goh Choon Phong, as its representative on the board of Air India, people familiar with the matter said. Additionally, PB Balaji, group CFO at Tata Motors, is also joining the airline's board, the people said.

The appointments will be taken up and approved by the Air India board after the civil aviation ministry gives its consent to SIA's investment into Air India, which will give it a 25.1% stake in the airline.

Vistara, a joint venture of SIA and Tata Group, is being merged into Air India effective 12 November.

"We can confirm that SIA will have a seat on the Air India board once the transaction has been completed. Our board nominee will be announced at the appropriate time," said a spokesperson for SIA. Air India did not respond to ET's queries.

The board of Air India is slated to hold a meeting to discuss key areas on the way forward post the official merger of the airlines, the people said.

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chairman of Budget Aviation Holdings Pte Ltd, which oversees SIA's low-cost subsidiary Scoot.

Balaji, who joined Tata Motors in November 2017, also got noted for his contributions in steering the financial turnaround of Tata Motors.

Tatas will have the pilot's seat in Air India with key management roles being appointed by the salt-to-steel conglomerate. SIA will send its officials for deputation in flight operations and engineering.

Meanwhile, Hamish Maxwell, a SIA employee who headed flight operations for Vistara, has been appointed as chief operating officer at Air India Express- the low-cost arm of Air India.

"SIA will send some more officials on secondment to Air India as the airline grows its multi-hub strategy," a person aware of the process said.

The two airlines finalised their merger plan in November 2022.

Tatas had sought approval from SIA to bid for Air India on the ag-

reement that the latter would get a stake and position on board of Air India.

Tata Group has merged Vistara into Air India for operational and cost efficiencies. Through this merger, the Air India group will have a combined market share of 29% in the Indian market, giving SIA a strong presence in one of the world's fastest growing aviation markets.

SIA's multi-hub strategy includes having equity partnerships in airlines in different countries as the domestic market of Singapore is negligible.

"Our multi-hub strategy is really to enable us to participate directly in the growth in that particular region or country, in a way that we cannot do if we are just based in Singapore. Vistara operates 11 international points from India. Singapore Airlines will never be able to operate from India to domestic India, nor to so many international points from India," Phong had earlier said, justifying SIA's investment in India.

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UP'S SHANKH AIR GETS CIVIL AVIATION MINISTRY NOD

UTTAR PRADESH-BASED Shankh Air, the country's latest airline, has received approval from the ministry of civil aviation. It now awaits clearance from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).



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Air India derosters 3 cabin crew members

Air India has derostered 3 cabin crew members for an erroneous approach in opening the door of a Boeing 777 aircraft that led to the auto-deployment of the emergency slides, said sources. The incident happened with the Boeing 777 plane at the Bangalore airport after it landed from San Francisco on Sept 15. An AI spokesperson said a technical issue was reported with a door not opening upon landing and the matter was attended to promptly. Another source said 3 cabin crew members have been derostered for the lapse and an internal probe has been ordered.

NCLT issues notice to SpiceJet on Techjockey Infotech's insolvency plea

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NEW DELHI

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Monday sought the response of low-cost carrier SpiceJet on a plea by Techjockey Infotech Pvt Ltd, one of its operational creditors, seeking initiation of corporate insolvency resolution proceedings against the debt-ridden airline.

A bench comprising Judicial Member Mahendra Khandelwal and Technical Member Dr Sanjeev Tanjan issued notice on a petition filed against SpiceJet under



Section 9 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

In its application, software solutions startup Techjockey Infotech Private Ltd sought the initiation of corporate insolvency resolution proceedings against the airline on account of an alleged default of around Rs 1.18 crore, stemming from a 2021 agreement wherein SpiceJet acquired cloud services.

SpiceJet raises ₹3K cr through QIP

SpiceJet on Monday said it has raised Rs 3,000 crore through a QIP. The QIP, which closed on September 18, received an overwhelming response from qualified investors and got significantly oversubscribed, demonstrating strong confidence in the company's growth prospects, SpiceJet said in a statement.

SpiceJet faces new insolvency case filed by Techjockey

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NEW DELHI: Software solutions startup Techjockey Infotech Pvt. Ltd has filed an insolvency case against cash-strapped airline SpiceJet for an alleged default of around ₹1.18 crore.

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) admitted the case for consideration and issued a notice to SpiceJet. The case is scheduled to be heard in November.

The insolvency plea, filed under Section 9 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), aims to initiate insolvency proceedings against the airline for default that stems from a 2021 agreement wherein SpiceJet acquired cloud services.

According to Techjockey's counsel, the company sent several invoices and raised demands for payment, to which SpiceJet did not respond, prompting the filing of the insolvency petition.

This case adds to a list of insolvency cases against SpiceJet for unpaid dues to various vendors and aircraft lessors. However, none of these pleas have resulted in insolvency proceedings against the airline to date. Some have been dismissed by the NCLT, while others have been withdrawn after settlements, with some still pending final decisions.

The parties filing various insolvency cases include Wilmington Trust SP Services (Dublin), Willis Lease Finance, Celestial Aviation, Aircastle, and Alterna Aircraft. Three entities—AWAS 36698 Ireland, AWAS 36694 Ireland, and AWAS 36695—along with Shannon Engine Support Limited and Engine Lease Finance B.V., and Raymach Technologies Pvt., have also filed cases.

The NCLT rejected the pleas



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of Willis Lease Finance and Wilmington Trust SP, while SpiceJet settled with Celestial Aviation, Alterna Aircraft, and Raymach Technologies Pvt., all of which have withdrawn their cases against the airline.

The pleas from Aircastle, AWAS 36698 Ireland, AWAS 36694 Ireland, and AWAS 36695 remain pending, as do those from Shannon Engine Support Limited and Engine Lease Finance B.V.

Wilmington Trust and Willis Lease Finance have moved the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) to challenge the NCLT's dismissal of their insolvency pleas.

SpiceJet on Monday said it had raised ₹3,000 crore through a qualified institutional placement (QIP), which opened on 16 September and closed on 18 September. The airline reported an overwhelming response from qualified investors, significantly oversubscribing the offering, reflecting strong confidence in the company's growth prospects.

SpiceJet claimed that the diverse pool of top-tier institutional investors and mutual funds reaffirmed the market's belief in SpiceJet's ability to navigate industry challenges and capitalize on growing demand in the aviation sector.

Spicejet faces one more IBC plea, NCLT slaps notice

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI

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A two-member NCLT bench has directed Spicejet to file a reply and list the matter for the next hearing on November 14. SpiceJet is already facing several insolvency petitions from creditors at NCLT and the appellate tribunal NCLAT.

SAF blending norms for domestic flights likely only after global mandates take effect

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THE GOVERNMENT is likely to come up with mandates for blending of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) with aviation turbine fuel (ATF) for domestic flights only after the global mandates for international flights kick in from 2027, according to sources in the know.

The government has been working on a roadmap for introduction of SAF in domestic flights and there were indications earlier that some sort of a blending mandate or recommendation could take effect over the next couple of years. However, given the high cost of production of the biofuel and opposition from airlines over apprehensions of fuel cost escalation, the government is now looking at introducing any such mandate only from 2027 or beyond.

SAF is a biofuel that is produced from sustainable feedstocks and has chemistry similar to conventional ATF or jet fuel, which is derived from crude oil. This means that existing aircraft engines can easily use the SAF-ATF



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blend. For instance, Airbus claims that all its aircraft are capable of flying on a maximum 50 per cent blend of SAF and conventional fuel. Various Indian airlines have already operated successfully a few test and demonstration flights using jet fuel doped with SAF.

A committee on SAF constituted by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) had submitted its recommendations to the government last year. According to people with direct knowledge of the matter, the panel had recommended an initial SAF blending mandate of 1 per cent from 2025, and scaling it up progressively over subsequent years. At the time, top officials at the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) as well as the MoPNG—the two key ministries dealing with SAF—had in-

dicated that blending mandates could be rolled out as per these recommendations.

"SAF is extremely expensive with high technology and production costs. It is not produced at scale yet...we feel it will take a few years for the costs to come down as production increases globally and in India. The airlines are also not too keen to have a mandate for domestic flights, until costs stabilise and they have had some experience with SAF-blended ATF in international operations...So, 2027 or thereafter seems to be the better choice," said a government official, who did not wish to be identified.

The year 2027 will be an important one for adoption of SAF globally with the mandatory phase of the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO)

Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) kicking in. CORSIA, which applies to international flights, would require airlines globally to offset any growth in carbon dioxide emissions beyond the 2020 levels. Using jet fuel blended with SAF is one of the ways through which carriers can keep their emissions under permissible levels.

India, while not a participant in the voluntary phases of CORSIA, will have to comply with the mandatory phase starting 2027. In line with the CORSIA mandate, the National Biofuel Coordination Committee (NBCC) has set the initial indicative targets for blending of SAF with jet fuel 2027 onwards, starting with international flights. The indicative targets are: 1 per cent blending in 2027 and 2 per cent in 2028. India is seen as a price-sensitive aviation market and fuel accounts for around 40 per cent of Indian airlines' operational expenses. This makes the carriers particularly cautious and sensitive to any fuel-related cost escalation.

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मुंबई, एजेंसी। भारत को हाल ही में एक नई एयरलाइन मिली है जो कि शंख एयर है। शंख एयर को नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय से मंजूरी मिल गई है। अब शंख एयर वाणिज्यिक परिचालन शुरू करने के लिए पूरी तरह से तैयार है। आधिकारिक तौर पर उड़ान भरने से पहले एयरलाइन को नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय से मंजूरी लेनी होगी। गौरतलब है कि शंख एयर उत्तर प्रदेश की पहली एयरलाइन बनने के लिए तैयार है। एयरलाइन का परिचालन केंद्र लखनऊ और नोएडा में होगा। कंपनी की आधिकारिक वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध जानकारी के मुताबिक एयरलाइन की योजना देश के प्रमुख शहरों को जोड़ने की है। इसके लिए अलग अलग मार्गों की पेशकश की जाएगी। इसका ध्यान उन क्षेत्रों पर रहेगा जहां मांग अधिक है, लेकिन सीधी उड़ान के विकल्प



सीमित हैं। एयरलाइन की वेबसाइट के अनुसार, शंख एयर नई पीढ़ी के बोइंग विमानों का उपयोग करके अपनी पूर्ण-सेवा ट्विन-क्लास परिचालन शुरू करने की तैयारी कर रही है। एयरलाइन का लक्ष्य जल्द ही उत्तर प्रदेश को भारत के सभी प्रमुख शहरों और महानगरीय क्षेत्रों से जोड़ना है। मंत्रालय के अनुमोदन पत्र में कंपनी को प्रत्यक्ष विदेशी निवेश (एफडीआई) और भारतीय प्रतिभूति एवं विनियम बोर्ड (सेबी) के नियमों सहित सभी प्रासंगिक प्रावधानों का अनुपालन करने का निर्देश दिया गया था। शंख एयर को दिया गया अनापत्ति प्रमाणपत्र

(एनओसी) तीन वर्षों की अवधि के लिए वैध है। इस एयरलाइन के बाजार में आने से हवाई यात्रा से वंचित क्षेत्रों में कनेक्टिविटी में बढ़ोतरी हो सकती है। इससे पूरे भारत में क्षेत्रीय गतिशीलता में सुधार होगा। इसके पीछे शंख एविएशन प्राइवेट लिमिटेड का हाथ है, जिसके अध्यक्ष शरवण के. विश्वकर्मा हैं, जो एक युवा उद्यमी हैं तथा जिनकी बुनियादी ढांचे और व्यापार में मजबूत पृष्ठभूमि है। विमानन उद्योग में अपनी पहचान बनाने की विश्वकर्मा की महत्वाकांक्षा के परिणामस्वरूप शंख एयर की स्थापना हुई, जिसका परिचालन उत्तर प्रदेश की राजधानी लखनऊ से शुरू हुआ। शंख एयर नई पीढ़ी के बोइंग 737-800एनजी विमानों के बेड़े के साथ सेवाएं शुरू करेगी, जो आधुनिक और कुशल यात्रा विकल्प प्रदान करेगी।

स्पाइसजेट ने इंजन लीज के साथ विवाद को समझौते के जरिये सुलझाया

मुंबई, एजेंसी। धरेलू विमानन कंपनी स्पाइसजेट ने इंजन लीज फाइनेंस कॉरपोरेशन (ईएलएफसी) के साथ अपने विवाद को सौहार्दपूर्ण समझौते के जरिये सुलझा लिया है। विमानन कंपनी ने बयान में कहा, ईएलएफसी एक अज्ञात राशि के लिए समझौता को सहमत हो गई है, जो प्रारंभिक दावे से कम है। ईएलएफसी ने पहले 1.67 करोड़ अमेरिकी डॉलर का दावा किया था। हालांकि, कंपनी ने यह नहीं बताया कि समझौते के तहत ईएलएफसी को कितनी राशि दी जाएगी। स्पाइसजेट ने कहा, दोनों पक्षों के प्रतिनिधि अब निपटान समझौते को औपचारिक रूप देंगे ताकि सभी जारी मुकदमे वापस लिए जा सकें और उनके बीच विवाद समाप्त हो सके। स्पाइसजेट के चेयरमैन एवं प्रबंध निदेशक अजय सिंह ने कहा, " हम



ईएलएफसी के साथ पारस्परिक रूप से लाभकारी समझौते पर पहुंच गए हैं, जो हमें एक साफ-सुथरी छवि के साथ आगे बढ़ने में सक्षम बनाता है। यह समझौता न केवल पिछले मुद्दों को हल करता है बल्कि वृद्धि तथा विस्तार के अगले चरण में हमारी स्थिति को भी मजबूत करता है।" स्पाइसजेट ने पात्र संस्थागत नियोजन (क्यूआईपी) के जरिये सोमवार को 3,000 करोड़ रुपये जुटाए थे। स्पाइसजेट ने बयान में कहा, क्यूआईपी 16 सितंबर को खुला और 18 सितंबर को बंद हुआ। इसमें योग्य निवेशकों की अच्छी प्रतिक्रिया के साथ काफी अधिक अभिदान मिला। यह कंपनी की वृद्धि संभावनाओं में मजबूत विश्वास को दर्शाता है। स्पाइसजेट ने इंजन लीज फाइनेंस कॉरपोरेशन (ईएलएफसी) के साथ अपने विवाद को सौहार्दपूर्ण समझौते के जरिये सुलझा लिया है। विमानन कंपनी ने बयान में कहा, ईएलएफसी एक अज्ञात राशि के लिए समझौता को सहमत हो गई है, जो प्रारंभिक दावे से कम है। ईएलएफसी ने पहले 1.67 करोड़ अमेरिकी डॉलर का दावा किया था।



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Air safety: Naidu pitches for robust stress, fatigue management systems

NEW DELHI: Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu on Monday highlighted the need for developing the area of aviation psychology as well as robust stress and fatigue management systems for the safety of aircraft operations.

Ensuring continued safety is a collective responsibility as human factors are contributors to aircraft accidents, he said.

The minister was speaking at the national seminar on Human Factors in Aircraft Accidents organised by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) in the national capital.

Safety measures need to keep pace with the Indian aviation sector's rapid growth, Naidu said and called for continuous skilling and upskilling of people. He also pitched for robust stress management and fatigue management programmes, including for pilots.

There is a lack of formal programmes for aviation psychology and advanced psychological aspects need to be integrated into training programmes,

Naidu said.

India is one of the fastest-growing civil aviation markets in the world and more than 1,200 planes have been ordered by the country's airlines. Naidu also stressed the need for technical and cognitive skills for personnel in the aircraft maintenance segment as more planes will be coming into the country.

With the evolution of advanced technology and more reliable aircraft systems, Naidu said it has been seen that the primary cause of air accidents has shifted from mechanical faults to human errors.

"Human factors whether in the cockpit, air traffic control or ground support operations now play a pivotal role in aviation safety," he said.

According to him, reports indicate a 10 per cent increase in human error-related incidents over the last decade. Safety audits of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) reveal that human factors are a major contributor to safety risks at present, he added. PTI

Spicejet faces another insolvency plea from operational creditor

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The latest petition is by Techjockey Infotech Pvt Ltd, an operational creditor, filed under section 9 of the IBC, through Karanjawala & Co.

Techjockey Infotech claimed a default of nearly Rs 1.2 crore owed by SpiceJet against software services availed by them and requested to initiate a corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) against the air carrier.

It contended that its debt has been acknowledged by SpiceJet, though it has not been yet complied.

Earlier in June, NCLT had issued notice to SpiceJet over the petition filed by Engine Lease Finance (ELF). Based in Ireland, ELF is the world's leading independent engine financing and leasing company and claimed a payment default of over \$12 mil-



lion (around Rs 100 crore). The NCLT rejected the pleas of Willis Lease Finance and Wilmington Trust. Spicejet settled the case with Celestial Aviation.

The petitions filed by Aircastle and Alterna Aircraft are pending before the insolvency tribunal. Both Wilmington Trust and Willis Lease Finance have moved the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) challenging the dismissal of their insolvency plea by NCLT.

SpiceJet has raised Rs 3,000 crore through the sale of shares to qualified institutional buyers, which will provide a much-needed tailwind for the struggling airline. Among others, the proceeds will be used for settling liabilities of creditors, including aircraft and engine lessors, engineering vendors and financiers.

Five allottees each have received more than five per cent of the shares offered in the QIP. They are Authum Investment and Infrastructure Ltd (9.33 per cent), Discovery Global Opportunity (Mauritius) Ltd (8.33 per cent), Troo Capital (6.67 per cent), Societe Generale - ODI (6.04 per cent) and Goldman Sachs (Singapore) Pte - ODI (5.33 per cent), as per another regulatory filing.



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Shankh Air को केंद्र से मिली अनुमति



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Naidu calls for focus on human factors, aviation psychology

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Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu on Monday highlighted the need for developing the area of aviation psychology as well as robust stress and fatigue management systems for the safety of aircraft operations. Ensuring continued safety is a collective responsibility as human factors are contributors to aircraft accidents, he said. The minister was speaking at the national seminar on

Human Factors in Aircraft Accidents organised by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) in the national capital. Safety measures need to keep pace with the Indian aviation sector's rapid growth, Naidu said and called for continuous skilling and upskilling of people. He also pitched for robust stress management and fatigue management programmes, including for pilots. There is a lack of formal

programmes for aviation psychology and advanced psychological aspects need to be integrated into training programmes, Naidu said. India is one of the fastest-growing civil aviation markets in the world and more than 1,200 planes have been ordered by the country's airlines. Naidu also stressed on the need for technical and cognitive skills for personnel in the aircraft maintenance segment as more planes will be coming into the country.



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