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Four months on, passengers at Chennai airport face issues while using DigiYatra service

The city airport sees about 25,000 domestic passengers departing every day and of them, 10% use the DigiYatra facility. The glitches that occur amount to less than 1%, say AAI authorities

Sunitha Sekar
CHENNAI

It has been nearly four months since the DigiYatra was launched at Chennai airport, but some of the air passengers say, they still have trouble using the facility.

Sathish Galley, a frequent traveller, said he recently flew from Chennai to Bengaluru and couldn't use DigiYatra. "When my wife and I tried to pass through the DigiYatra gate at the airport, it wasn't functioning. So, we had to join the regular queue and it took us more time. It was disappointing," he added.

The DigiYatra service commenced in Chennai airport in June this year, with the objective that those who sign up for this initiative will have a separate queue and e-gates to complete the various



Hopes belied: The DigiYatra service commenced at Chennai airport in June this year. FILE PHOTO

checks in the terminals without having to wait in regular queues.

Officials of Airports Authority of India (AAI) said, the airport sees about 25,000 domestic passengers departing every day and of that, 10% use the DigiYatra facility.

"The glitches that occur amount to less than 1%. Initially, some of the CISF

personnel were closing the gates, but subsequently on hearing about it, we have informed them and this no longer happens. There were some server issues recently because of which some of the passengers couldn't use DigiYatra. We have already raised it with the respective company handling the servers and the minor problems are be-

ing ironed out," an official said.

Some of the passengers have posted about their experiences on the 'X' platform as well.

Dheeraj Taneja, a passenger posted: "DigiYatra not working at Chennai airport and CISF show their helplessness @JM_Scindia, they say terminal manager doesn't listen..not what we expect on a modern day travel, no sign either to say it's not working."

Another passenger Sagar Mestri posted: "@aaichnairport What an irony! Just had to show my paper boarding pass at Chennai airport domestic transfer gate. The security refused to accept digiyatra scanning, which ended up forming a big queue and unnecessary stress to the people who had to catch their connecting flight! @DigiYatraOffice"



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GUWAHATI

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MNF opposes plan to hand over Lengpui airport to IAF



AIZAWL, Oct 23: Mizo National Front (MNF) president Zoramthanga said his party will oppose any plan to hand over the State's lone airport in Lengpui to the Indian Air Force (IAF).

The MNF is the main Opposition party in Mizoram.

Speaking at the occasion to mark the 63rd anniversary of the MNF at the party office here on Tuesday, Zoramthanga said the Lengpui airport served as the source of survival for the State and connectivity with other regions.

"If the government mulls handing over the Lengpui airport to IAF or other agencies, the MNF will oppose it till the end. The airport cannot be given to others at any cost," the former Chief Minister said.

Chief Minister Lalduhoma had earlier said that the State government is yet to decide on handing over Lengpui airport to the AIF.

He had said that a working committee, tasked to study the feasibility of handing over the airport to IAF or private agencies, is currently assessing the matter and its report will be tabled in future cabinet meetings. – PTI



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DAINIK BHASKAR

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एयरपोर्ट के नए टर्मिनल का 26 को सीएम भजनलाल करेंगे उद्घाटन

जयपुर | जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-1 पर 27 अक्टूबर से फ्लाइट ऑपरेशन शुरू हो जाएगा।



अदाणी समूह से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार 26 अक्टूबर को मुख्यमंत्री भजनलाल शर्मा नए टर्मिनल का

उद्घाटन करेंगे। इसके बाद 26 की देर रात (12 बजे बाद) यानी 27 अक्टूबर से टर्मिनल से इंटरनेशनल फ्लाइट्स का संचालन शुरू हो जाएगा।

Kolkata Airport suspends flights for 15 hours ahead of Cyclone Dana

TDG NETWORK
KOLKATA

Flight operations at Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata will be suspended for 15 hours starting at 6:00 PM on Thursday as a precautionary measure ahead of Cyclone Dana.

According to airport authorities, flight operations will be halted from 6:00 PM on October 25 until 9:00 AM on October 26.

On Tuesday, the West Bengal government announced that schools and academic institutions would remain closed in several parts of the state following a notice from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) regarding Cyclone Dana, which is expected to make landfall on the West Bengal coast by October 24.

A notice issued by the School Education Department of the West Bengal



Government stated that academic activities in seven districts--including South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas, Purba Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur, Jhargram, Bankura, Hooghly, Howrah, and Kolkata--would be suspended from October 23 to October 26. The IMD has indicated that Cyclone Dana is likely to move northwards and intensify into a severe cyclonic storm over the northwest Bay of Bengal by the early hours of October 24. It is expected to cross the north Odisha and West

Bengal coasts between Puri and Sagar Island, near Bhitarkanika and Dhamara in Odisha, between the night of October 24 and the morning of October 25, as a severe cyclonic storm with wind speeds of 100-110 km/h, gusting up to 120 km/h.

Teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in both Odisha and West Bengal have been placed on standby. Additionally, rescue and relief teams from the Army, Navy, and Coast Guard are on high alert.



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एयरपोर्ट का टर्मिनल-1 बनकर तैयार, 27 अक्टूबर से होगा शुरू

मुख्यमंत्री भजनलाल शर्मा 26 को करेंगे उद्घाटन

नवज्योति, जयपुर। मुख्यमंत्री भजनलाल शर्मा 26 अक्टूबर को जयपुर एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-1 का उद्घाटन करेंगे। 1.5 मिलियन सालाना क्षमता वाले यह टर्मिनल को 27 अक्टूबर की मध्यरात्रि से अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानों के लिए चालू हो जाएगा। जयपुर में अब दो टर्मिनल होंगे। टर्मिनल-1 पर अक्टूबर 27 की मध्यरात्रि से अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों का संचालन शुरू हो जाएगा। नया टर्मिनल हरिटेज स्वरूप में विकसित किया गया है। जयपुर एयरपोर्ट के अनुमानित यात्री भार में 7 प्रतिशत की वार्षिक वृद्धि के साथ टर्मिनल-1 का उद्घाटन हवाई अड्डे की समग्र क्षमता को बढ़ाने में एक महत्वपूर्ण मील का पत्थर है। 2023 में लगभग 5.4 मिलियन यात्रियों ने टर्मिनल-2 से यात्रा की। इस वर्ष यातायात में और वृद्धि होने की संभावना है। हवाई कनेक्टिविटी में सुधार और अयोध्या, बीकानेर, आबूधाबी, कुआलालंपुर में नए मार्गों के खुलने से यात्री यातायात में प्रभावशाली वृद्धि हुई है। 27 अक्टूबर से सभी अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्री सांगानेर थाने के पास स्थित टर्मिनल-1 से अपनी उड़ानें भर सकेंगे। जल्द ही वहां पर डमी चेक रन भी शुरू किया जाएगा।



सीआरपीएफ ने संभाली सुरक्षा

टर्मिनल-1 की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था में लगभग सीआरपीएफ के 100 कर्मचारियों तथा जवानों की ओर से संभाली जाएगी। डिपार्टमेंट क्षेत्र में लगभग 10 इमीग्रेशन काउंटर स्थापित किए गए हैं, जबकि अरिवाल क्षेत्र में 14 काउंटर स्थापित किए गए हैं। टर्मिनल-1 भवन में 10 चेक-इन काउंटर होंगे। साथ ही एक समर्पित मेडिकल रूम, एम्बुलेंस सेवाएं, लाउन्ज भी सामान्य रूप से संचालित होंगे।

पहली फ्लाइट आबूधाबी की

27 अक्टूबर को जयपुर एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-1 पर उतरने वाली पहली फ्लाइट आबूधाबी से उतिहाद एयरवे की होगी। उड़ान रात 2.10 बजे उतरेगी और सभी यात्रियों का टर्मिनल-1 पर भव्य स्वागत किया जाएगा।



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GOVT TARGETS TO DEVELOP 50 MORE AIRPORTS IN 5 YRS

CIVIL AVIATION MINISTER

K Rammohan Naidu on Thursday said the government aims to set up 50 more airports in the next five years and pitched for further developing the airport ecosystem that will also help boost job creation. In the last 10 years, the number of airports has doubled to 157.



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Ahmedabad int'l airport 7th busiest in India

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AHMEDABAD

Ahmedabad International Airport has emerged as the seventh busiest airport in India, with flight movements increasing by 8% over the past year. On average, a flight operates every 5.33 minutes, marking significant growth for the airport. Between April and September 2024, more than 48,000 flights were operated, with around 270 flights taking off and landing daily. This is a notable increase from last year's 220 to 230 daily flights, reflecting enhanced connectivity and infrastructure.

During this six-month period, over 60 lakh passengers traveled through the airport. Of these, 50 lakh were domestic passengers, while 10 lakh traveled internationally. Popular domestic routes from Ahmedabad include Delhi, Mumbai, and Bangalore, with international destinations such as Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Kuwait being the top picks. Notably, the airport has become a key transit point for

pilgrims traveling to major destinations like Delhi, Mumbai, and Dubai.

Expansion of Connectivity

Ahmedabad Airport's rise in traffic can be attributed to upgraded infrastructure and improved international connectivity, which has made it a preferred airport in Western India for many airlines. In 2024, several new international routes were introduced, enhancing direct connectivity for passengers. This increase in routes has also led to a 6% rise in domestic passenger numbers and a significant 15% growth in international passengers compared to the previous year.

New flights connecting Ahmedabad to destinations in Southeast Asia have contributed to this growth. For instance, Thai Air Asia and Thai Lion Air have introduced flights to Don Mueang International Airport in Bangkok, offering more options for travelers heading to Thailand. Additionally, Air Asia has started direct flights to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



These new routes not only improve travel options but also establish Ahmedabad as a key gateway for international travel from Western India.

Growing Domestic Network

The airport's domestic network has also expanded with new routes launched to Rajkot, Aurangabad, and Nanded. These additions have led to a 6% increase in domestic connectivity and passenger traffic. Airlines such as Air India and IndiGo have seen a rise in passenger numbers, and the airport has positioned itself as an important hub for these carriers. The enhanced network has contributed to the overall

rise in passenger movement, indicating a growing demand for regional connectivity.

In the last three months alone, from July to September 2024, Ahmedabad Airport witnessed a 10% increase in passenger numbers compared to the same period last year. This growth translates to 29 lakh passengers traveling through the airport during this period, up from 26 lakh passengers in 2023. Such steady growth underscores the airport's status as a major domestic and international transit hub.

Strategic Upgrades and Future Growth

Ahmedabad Airport's con-

tinued improvements in infrastructure have played a crucial role in attracting new airlines and expanding its route network. The airport now offers more direct flights, which has been a major factor in its increased popularity. International airlines have added new destinations, enabling passengers to fly directly from Ahmedabad to more locations worldwide. With the start of the winter schedule on October 27, even more domestic and international flights are expected to be added, along with new airlines commencing operations.

This expansion is likely to further boost passenger traffic and flight operations. Ahmedabad's strategic location and efficient operations have made it the most efficient airport in Western India after Mumbai. Over the last six months, several domestic and international flights were even diverted to Ahmedabad, reflecting its capability to handle increased traffic and solidifying its reputation as a reliable and efficient airport.

Rehab centre yet to come up, 5 blackbuck shifted out of Jewar airport site to nearby forest

NEETIKA JHA

GREATTER NOIDA, OCTOBER 24

EVEN AS a proposal to build a rehabilitation-rescue centre near Noida International Airport (NIA) at Jewar for animals displaced by construction is still in process, five blackbuck were removed from the premises on Wednesday and released into a forest nearby.

According to Gautam Buddha Nagar's District Forest Officer (DFO) Pramod Shrivastava, the five blackbuck were removed and they were still trying to translocate Nilgai. "We've taken permission from the Chief Wildlife Warden and all SOPs relating to their safety and food have been taken care of before initiating the drive. We put them outside the premises of the airport; they will eventually mix with the ecosystem," he told *The Indian Express*.

In a letter dated October 1, the UP government had designated the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) as the agency responsible for constructing the rescue-rehabilitation centre in Jewar; this is pending approval before the technical committee of the Central Zoo Authority (CZA).

The Indian blackbuck is listed in Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, as per which "the process of capture or



The centre is to be built for animals displaced by construction of the airport

translocation, as the case may be, of such animal shall be made in such a manner as to cause minimum trauma to the said animal. CZA Secretary Sanjay Shukla said: "Since blackbuck are sensitive and prone to casualties, it is for the translocating body to ensure there is proper supply of fodder and the blackbuck are released in a similar habitat."

However, NIA CEO Arun Vir Singh said he was not aware of any such drive being initiated by the DFO: "We could create a temporary structure... instead of releasing them outside the boundary."

"The CZA's drawing committee has already approved the project (rehab centre). But it still requires approval from CZA's technical committee, which is expected to review it this month. Once cleared, the proposal will be sent to the Ministry of

Environment for final approval, after which YEIDA will start construction," he said.

Earlier, *The Indian Express* had reported that one of the road-blocks in operationalisation of the airport was the second phase of environmental clearance. One of the reasons for the pending clearance was the planned translocation of 111 animals, including blackbuck, peafowl and deer from what will be the airport premises.

"The Directorate General of Civil Aviation will soon be giving the aerodrome licence; this will only be given if there is a proper mechanism in place for wildlife," Singh told *The Indian Express*.

The Wildlife Institute of India (WII), which prepared a conservation plan in its report in 2019 and presented it to the UP government, had identified blackbuck and Sarus cranes as key species inhabiting land acquired for the airport. A total of six species of mammals were observed in the proposed site of the airport as well as within its 10-km buffer zone. Sixty species of birds, 28 independent groups of Blackbuck, 64 Sarus cranes, and 24 independent observations of Indian Peafowl were made by the WII. Later, a survey by the UP government of 1,334 hectares earmarked for the airport's first phase, along with an area extending 10-25 km beyond it, recorded 258 blackbuck.



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नागर विमानन मंत्री ने कहा अगले पांच साल में 50 और हवाई अड्डे विकसित करने की योजना

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 24 अक्टूबर।

नागर विमानन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने गुरुवार को कहा कि अगले पांच वर्षों में 50 अतिरिक्त हवाई अड्डे विकसित करने का सरकार का इरादा है। नायडू ने देश की मौजूदा हवाई अड्डा पारिस्थितिकी को और विकसित करने की कवायद करते हुए कहा कि इससे रोजगार सृजन को भी बढ़ावा मिलेगा।

नागर विमानन मंत्री ने दिल्ली में एयरबस इंडिया और दक्षिण एशिया मुख्यालय पर प्रशिक्षण केंद्र के उद्घाटन कार्यक्रम में यह बात कही। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार का इरादा अगले पांच वर्षों में 50

नए हवाई अड्डे विकसित करने का है। 2047 तक देश में 200 अतिरिक्त हवाई अड्डों के तैयार हो जाने की उम्मीद है।

केंद्रीय मंत्री ने कहा कि नरेंद्र मोदी सरकार के पिछले 10 वर्ष के कार्यकाल में देश में हवाई अड्डों की संख्या दोगुनी (157) हो गई है। नायडू ने देश में हवाई अड्डा पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र को विकसित करने की आवश्यकता जताते हुए कहा कि इससे रोजगार सृजन और वाणिज्यिक गतिविधियों को बढ़ावा देने में मदद करेगा। इस अवसर पर नागर विमानन सचिव वुमलुनमंग वुअल्नम ने कहा कि देश में हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या अगले पांच साल में दोगुनी होने की उम्मीद है। पिछले साल यह संख्या 22 करोड़ रही थी।



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'Government aiming to develop 50 more airports in five years'

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PTI



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MILLENNIUM POST

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'Govt aims to develop 50 more airports in 5 years'



NEW DELHI: Civil Aviation Minister K Rammo-han Naidu on Thursday said the government aims to set up 50 more airports in the next five years.

The minister and pitched for further developing the country's airport ecosystem that will also help in boosting job creation.

In the last 10 years, the number of airports has doubled to 157.

Naidu said that 50 more airports are expected to be developed in the next five years and 200 more in the next 20 years.

The minister was speaking after inaugurating the Airbus India and South Asia Headquarters - Training Centre in the national capital.

He also stressed the need to further develop the airport ecosystem that will help boost job creation and commercial activities.

Civil Aviation Secretary Vunlunmang Vualnam said the air passenger traffic in the country is expected to double in the next five years from 220 million, which was achieved last year. #1



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PUNJAB KESARI

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अगले पांच साल में 50 और हवाई अड्डे विकसित करने का इरादा

नई दिल्ली, (भाषा): नागर विमानन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने गुरुवार को कहा कि सरकार का इरादा अगले पांच साल में 50 अतिरिक्त हवाई अड्डे विकसित करने का है।

नायडू ने देश की हवाई अड्डा पारिस्थितिकी को और विकसित करने की बकालत करते हुए कहा कि इससे रोजगार सृजन को भी बढ़ावा मिलेगा। नागर विमानन मंत्री ने राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में एयरबस इंडिया और दक्षिण एशिया मुख्यालय पर प्रशिक्षण केंद्र के उद्घाटन कार्यक्रम में यह बात कही। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार का इरादा अगले पांच वर्षों में 50 नए हवाई अड्डों को विकसित करने का है। यह संख्या अगले 20



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नरेन्द्र मोदी सरकार के पिछले 10 साल के कार्यकाल में देश के भीतर हवाई अड्डों की संख्या दोगुनी होकर 157 हो गई है। नायडू ने हवाई अड्डा पारिस्थितिकी

तंत्र को विकसित करने की जरूरत पर भी बल दिया जो रोजगार सृजन और वाणिज्यिक गतिविधियों को बढ़ावा देने में मदद करेगा। इस अवसर पर नागर विमानन सचिव वुमलुनमंग वुअलनम ने कहा कि देश में हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या अगले पांच साल में दोगुनी होने की उम्मीद है। पिछले साल यह संख्या 22 करोड़ रही थी।

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जयपुर. सांगानेर थाना स्थित जयपुर एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल एक का आधिकारिक उद्घाटन मुख्यमंत्री भजनलाल शर्मा 26 अक्टूबर को करेंगे। कई वर्षों के इंतजार के बाद, यह टर्मिनल हेरिटेज स्वरूप में यात्रियों के लिए खोला जाएगा। यात्रियों की 1.5 मिलियन सालाना क्षमता वाले इस टर्मिनल से 27 अक्टूबर की मध्यरात्रि से अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों का आगमन और प्रस्थान होगा।

एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन के अनुसार, पिछले साल लगभग 5.4 मिलियन यात्रियों ने टर्मिनल दो से यात्रा की और इस वर्ष यातायात में और वृद्धि होने की संभावना है। सभी तैयारियां अंतिम चरण में हैं और जल्द ही डमी चेक रन भी शुरू होगा। सुरक्षा व्यवस्था में सीआइएसएफ सहित अन्य 100 कर्मचारी और जवान तैनात रहेंगे।



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डिपार्च क्षेत्र में लगभग 10 इमीग्रेशन काउंटर स्थापित किए गए हैं, जबकि अराइवल क्षेत्र में 14 काउंटर होंगे। 10 चेक-इन काउंटर भी उपलब्ध होंगे। इयूटी-फ्री आउटलेट्स के अलावा, एफ एंड बी आउटलेट भी टर्मिनल एक से काम करना शुरू कर देंगे। अन्य सुविधाएं जैसे एक समर्पित मेडिकल रूम, चौबीसों घंटे एम्बुलेंस सेवाएं और लाउंज सामान्य रूप से संचालित होंगे। 27 अक्टूबर को सुबह 2:10 बजे उतरने वाली पहली उड़ान अहू धाबी से एतिहस एयरवेज की होगी।



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अब कानपुर के चकेरी एयर पोर्ट को मिली धमकी

कानपुर। कानपुर के आधिकारिक मेल पर बुधवार दोपहर आई धमकी के बाद एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था बढ़ा दी गई है। धमकी में क्या लिखा है, अभी इसका खुलासा नहीं किया गया है। सीआईएसएफ की ओर से चकेरी थाना में अज्ञात के खिलाफ रिपोर्ट दर्ज कराई गई है। सीआईएसएफ की विशेष टुकड़ियों को 24 घंटे एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा के लिए लगाया गया है। सहायक कमांडेंट सीआईएसएफ ने चकेरी थाना में एफआईआर दर्ज कराई है कि 4 और 6 अक्टूबर 2024 को केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल इकाई कानपुर के आधिकारिक मेल पर ई मेल से चकेरी एयरपोर्ट कानपुर के संबंध में धमकी भरा संदेश प्राप्त हुआ है। चकेरी थाना में रिपोर्ट दर्ज कराने के साथ ही कानपुर एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा कड़ी कर दी गई है। केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल की विशेष टुकड़ी को एयरपोर्ट के अलावा आसपास क्षेत्रों में भी तैनात किया गया है और संदिग्धों पर नजर रखी जा रही है। फ्लाइट के टेकआफ और लैंडिंग से पहले केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल की टीम यात्रियों से पूछताछ कर रही है।



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THE STATESMAN

KOLKATA

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Airport to suspend flight ops

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, 23 OCTOBER

To negate any adverse impact of cyclone *Dana* on the coastal region of West Bengal, including Kolkata, NSCBI Airport authorities have announced the suspension of flight operations at Kolkata airport. The suspension will be in effect from 6 pm on Thursday to 9 am on Friday.

This decision comes amid warnings of heavy winds and heavy to very heavy rains, which are expected to severely affect the region. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has classified cyclone *Dana* as a potentially dangerous weather event, urging residents in affected areas to remain cautious and take necessary precautions.

Airport authorities have advised passengers to check with their respective airlines for updates on rescheduled flights and to avoid unnecessary travel to the airport during this period. Emergency services and disaster management teams are on high alert to mitigate any damage caused by the cyclone. Kolkata and other coastal regions of West Bengal are bracing for the



impact, with local government officials coordinating efforts to ensure public safety.

Meanwhile, in response to the approaching cyclone, key preparedness meetings were held at Kolkata's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) Airport on 22-23 October. These meetings, attended by all major stakeholders, including the airport authority, Air Traffic Control (ATC), Communication, Navigation, and Surveillance (CNS) teams, along with the chairman and vice-chairman of the Airport Operators Committee (AOC) and the MET director, have led to the unanimous decision to suspend flight operations. The suspension will be enforced from 6 pm on 24 October to 9 am on 25 October to ensure the safety of passengers, aircraft, and airport personnel.



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THE TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

24 OCTOBER 2024

Airport casts safety net for winds of peril

SANJAY MANDAL

Calcutta: The city airport will remain closed from 6pm on Thursday till 9am on Friday because Cyclone Dana is likely to trigger strong crosswinds, which are dangerous for flights during take-off and landing.

Airport officials said more than 200 flights will be cancelled because of the 15-hour shutdown. The decision left hundreds of passengers scurrying to rebook tickets since Wednesday evening.

IndiGo posted on X: "Due to heavy rains and thunderstorms predicted for the 24th and 25th of Oct, flights to/from #Kolkata & #Bhubaneswar may be impacted. We kindly request you to stay updated on your flight status...."

The Met department at the Calcutta airport has predicted the wind speed to vary between 60kmph and 70kmph, gusting to 80kmph, during the period the airport will remain closed.

"To prepare for Cyclone Dana, two meetings were held with all the stakeholders and the Met director at the airport. The director informed us that wind speeds may vary between 60kmph and 70kmph, gusting to 80kmph, and there are also chances of heavy to very heavy rain in Calcutta and adjoining areas," said an airport official.

"To ensure safety of passengers and aircraft, all the stakeholders unanimously decided to suspend operations

from 6pm on Thursday till 9am on Friday."

The two parallel runways at the airport stretch from north to south. The winds from the Bay of Bengal, under the impact of Dana, are expected to blow from east to west.

"This will lead to strong crosswinds," the official said.

"The crosswinds will be experienced between 3,000ft and 20,000ft from the ground. So, it will be unsafe for flights to land or take off under such circumstances."

In May, the airport was closed for 21 hours because of crosswinds triggered by Cyclone Remal. More than 400 flights were cancelled.

The 15-hour closure of the airport from Thursday evening has made travel plans go haywire for many.

City businessman Lalit Tejwani was scheduled to take a flight to Singapore at 11.30pm on Thursday and then onwards to Tokyo for a business meeting.

"I have an important meeting in Tokyo on Monday morning, for which I was planning to reach a couple of days early. I am now waiting for a communication from the airline. The cancellation means I will miss the connecting flight, too," said Tejwani. "I am trying to book a ticket on an earlier flight to Singapore."

IT professional Samrat Basu was to fly from Chennai to Calcutta on Thursday evening.

Cyclone effect on flights, trains

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"The IndiGo flight was scheduled to take off from Chennai at 7.15pm. I am trying to book a ticket on an earlier flight," Basu said on Wednesday evening.

Businessman Aroon Shahani's sister Poonam Singh was supposed to take an IndiGo flight from Mumbai to Calcutta on Thursday evening. The flight was to land at 8pm.

"She has a US visa interview in Calcutta on Friday morning, for which she had waited for three months. If my sister misses the interview, she will have to wait for several more months," said Shahani. "We are trying to get her a ticket on an earlier flight."

Shahani's daughter Joshna is scheduled to arrive from London, via Abu Dhabi, at 3.30am on Friday. "We don't know whether she will have to wait in Abu Dhabi or come via Mumbai or Delhi (because of the closure of the Calcutta airport)," he said.

Trains

More than 150 trains have been cancelled by South East-

ern Railway on Thursday and Friday. Many of them are from Howrah, Shalimar, Sant-ragachhi and Kharagpur.

The long-distance trains cancelled on Thursday include the Falaknuma Express (between Howrah and Secunderabad), Dhauli Express (between Shalimar and Puri), East-Coast Express (between Shalimar and Hyderabad), Shatabdi Express (between Howrah and Puri) and Co-romandel Express (between Shalimar and Chennai).

The trains from Bengal cancelled on Friday are mostly from Digha and Kharagpur.

In all, 190 local trains in the Sealdah division have been cancelled between 8pm on Thursday and 10am on Friday. Most of them are in the Sealdah South suburban section, which connects Sealdah with Diamond Harbour, Canning, Sonarpur, Baruiapur, Budge Budge and other pockets in South 24-Parganas.

In the Howrah division, more than 60 trains have been cancelled, mostly between Howrah and Burdwan, Bandel, Serampore and Seoraphuli.

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AMAR UJALA

DELHI

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85 और उड़ानों को धमकी मेटा व एक्स से जवाब-तलब

■ केंद्र सरकार ने कहा, फर्जी संदेश भेजने वालों का ब्योरा साझा करें सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म

नई दिल्ली। भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों की घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी के 85 और मामले सामने आए। धमकियों का सिलसिला लगातार जारी रहने के बीच केंद्र सरकार ने मेटा और एक्स जैसे सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म से ऐसी धमकियां भेजने वालों का ब्योरा साझा करने को कहा है।

सूत्रों ने बताया कि बुधस्वतिवार को एअर इंडिया, विस्तारा और इंडिगो की 20-20 उड़ानों में धमकी भरे संदेश आए। वहीं, अकासा एयर की 13 व एलायंस एयर और स्पाइस जेट की 5-5 उड़ानों को धमकी मिली। जांच में इन्हें फर्जी पाया गया। भुवनेश्वर स्थित बीजू पटनायक इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर भी विमान में बम की धमकी मिली, जिससे कुछ

फर्जी बम धमकी को संज्ञेय अपराध बनाएगी सरकार : मंत्री नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राम मोहन नायडू ने फर्जी बम धमकी कॉल को संज्ञेय अपराध बनाने की योजना की घोषणा की है। एक्स व मेटा से धमकी देने वाले अकाउंट ब्लॉक करने के लिए एआई का इस्तेमाल करने को कहा गया है।

देर अफरा-तफरी का माहौल रहा।

सूत्रों ने बताया कि धमकी देने वालों की पहचान शुरू कर दी गई है। मेटा व एक्स जैसे प्लेटफॉर्म के अलावा शीर्ष बहुराष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी समूहों से भी फर्जी कॉल या संदेश भेजने वालों का ब्योरा देने और पहचान में मदद करने को कहा गया है। ऐसे तत्वों के बारे में कुछ जानकारी हासिल भी हुई है, जिसके आधार पर कार्रवाई की जा रही है। ब्योरो



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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

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Boeing strike and Airbus delays to impact Indian carriers' growth in FY25: CAPA

Our Bureau
Mumbai

The ongoing strike at Boeing will accentuate the capacity crisis for Indian carriers, aviation consultancy CAPA India said in its mid-year outlook for FY2025 on Thursday. While it has impacted Akasa Air's plans for the current financial year, it is likely to affect Air India Express' growth in the next fiscal, CAPA India said.

Airbus deliveries, too, have been marginally lower than expectation, and there have been some delays.

Between April and September, Indian carriers received 53 Airbus and Boeing aircraft with deliveries averaging two per week.

KEY INDIAN BUYERS
Air India, Air India Express, Akasa Air and SpiceJet are the main operators of Boeing



TURBULENCE AHEAD. While the Boeing strike has impacted Akasa Air's plans for the current fiscal, it is likely to affect Air India Express growth in the next fiscal, CAPA India said

aircraft in India. While Air India Express has secured 34 Boeing 737 Max aircraft, originally built for Chinese carriers, deliveries to Akasa Air have slowed.

CAPA India expects Indian carriers to have a combined fleet of 806-811 aircraft by March 2025 in line with its earlier projection this year, and this will be due to the slightly higher induction by Air India and IndiGo.

CAPA India had estimated Akasa Air's fleet to hit 31 aircraft by next March but has now lowered the projections to 25-26. Akasa received three aircraft in Calendar 2024 and expects delivery of one more over the next few days. The airline management had earlier claimed to be the fastest growing carrier in the history of civil aviation but refused to give capacity or growth guidance.

On the positive side, the number of grounded aircraft could see a reduction to 120 next March from 150 on a year-on-year basis. This would be due to the marginal improvement in the supply of engines and release of SpiceJet aircraft following the recent fund infusion.

TRAFFIC GROWTH

CAPA India maintained its traffic growth and profit guidance for FY25. Passenger traffic is expected to grow 6-8 per cent on domestic routes (to 162-165 million) and 9-11 per cent on the international leg (to 75-78 million).

While the overall industry loss forecast for the current fiscal remains constant at \$400-600 million, the mix will be different. Air India's financial performance is likely to be better, and low-cost ones are seen making a smaller profit than expected.

Minister urges Airbus to make commercial aircraft in India

DEEPAK PATEL

New Delhi, 24 October

Aviation Minister K Rammoohan Naidu on Thursday exhorted European aircraft maker Airbus to start manufacturing commercial planes and train helicopter pilots in India.

He inaugurated Airbus' new headquarters in Delhi, which has four A320 aircraft simulators and is for India and South Asia. Minister Naidu praised the new facility for its capacity to train 800 pilots and 200 technicians per year.

"We want to manufacture aircraft in India that can serve the civil travel needs of India. That has been a dream under the visionary leadership of our Prime Minister. We feel that Airbus has a very big role to play," he said after inaugurating the facility. "They (Airbus) are already doing their bit. They are expanding their footprint when it comes to manufacturing the components of



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K RAMMOHAN NAIDU
Civil aviation minister

aircraft...We want to design, manufacture, and maintain the aircraft in India. That is a very big change in the mindset," he said.

IndiGo placed the world's largest

aircraft order for 500 A320 narrow-body family planes with Airbus in June last year. The airline again placed an order for 30 A350 wide-body planes in July this year. Air India in February last year also placed an order for 250 Airbus planes. While Airbus has formed entities to manufacture C295 military transport planes and H125 civil helicopters in India, it does not plan to set up any facility in the country to manufacture civilian aircraft.

"I also want to see the growth of civil helicopter operations in the country. We want to train pilots for these helicopters. A thought has to be put into training more such pilots. This bottleneck has to be dealt with. There is only one institute in India. Airbus has a role to play in that," Naidu said.

He said Indian carriers currently had 800 planes in their fleet.

"About 1,500 planes are going to come. In the next 20 years, we might need 4,000 planes for the Indian aviation sector," he noted



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BUSINESS STANDARD

DELHI

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Vistara planes to replace Air India's on metro-to-metro routes after merger

DEEPAK PATEL

New Delhi, 24 October

Vistara's aircraft, having better interiors, will replace Air India's planes on major metro-to-metro routes between Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru after merger of both the carriers next month, sources privy to the development said on Thursday.

"Air India aircraft are being refurbished one by one. Until that process is complete, it makes sense

to deploy Vistara planes on our high-revenue metro-to-metro routes between Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru," a source said. Air India's planes will be shifted to other domestic routes.

Air India had last month announced that it has started upgrading its 27 "legacy" A320neo planes, and the entire process would be

completed by mid-2025. Once the narrowbody planes are done, it would begin retrofitting 40 "legacy" widebody planes.

Vistara will be merged into Air India on November 11. However, the duty rosters of cabin crew members of Air India and Vistara will continue to remain different for some time. This is being done to ensure that

the experience of loyal Vistara passengers is not affected. It will take a significant time to change the livery, seat colours, etc, on Vistara planes.

The demand for seats on Vistara's planes that operate on metro-to-metro routes has been quite strong, especially due to corporate customers, a source mentioned. "The airline would not like to lose that customer segment," the source added.



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बिजनेस संवाददाता | नई दिल्ली

भारत जल्द दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा एयरलाइन मार्केट बन सकता है। मौजूदा ग्रोथ इसके संकेत दे रही है। नागरिक विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) के मुताबिक, वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 में घरेलू मार्गों पर हवाई यात्री 15% बढ़कर 20 लाख हो गए।

कंसल्टेंसी फर्म प्राइमस पार्टनर्स ने कहा, 'सिंगापुर, दुबई या दोहा जैसे एविएशन हब बनने के लिए भारत को कई क्षेत्रों में बड़े बदलाव करने होंगे। बुनियादी ढांचे में पर्याप्त सुधार, बेहतर ऑपरेशन कैपेबिलिटी और टेक्नोलॉजी में प्रगति इसमें शामिल है। इसके अलावा, फ्लीट विस्तार, वर्कफोर्स ट्रेनिंग और एविएशन सेक्टर से जुड़े नियम-कानूनों में सुधार की भी जरूरत होगी। सरकार ने नेशनल सिविल एविएशन पॉलिसी और उड़ान स्कीम के साथ इस देश में पहल शुरू कर दी है।

2047 तक दोगुने होंगे एयरपोर्ट, यात्री भी 3.5 करोड़



देश में हवाई यात्रा की बढ़ती मांग को देखते हुए सरकार इन्फ्रा विकास पर फोकस कर रही है। प्राइमस पार्टनर्स का अनुमान है कि साल 2047 तक भारत में एयरपोर्ट की संख्या 300 के पार निकल जाएगी। अभी देश में 148 एयरपोर्ट हैं। 2047 तक देश में सालाना 3.5 करोड़ लोग हवाई यात्रा करेंगे।

छोटे हवाई अड्डों पर चार गुना तक बढ़े यात्री

सरकार की उड़ान स्कीम का असर दिखने लगा है। दरभंगा और बागडोगरा जैसे छोटे शहरों के एयरपोर्ट से एयर ट्रैफिक तेजी से बढ़ा है। दरभंगा एयरपोर्ट की स्थापना के बाद से अब तक यहाँ से आने-जाने वाले यात्रियों की संख्या चार गुनी हो गई है।

8 साल में ढाई गुना बढ़ सकते हैं एयरक्राफ्ट

भारतीय एयरलाइंस बोइंग और एयरबस जैसी कंपनियों को बड़े ऑर्डर देकर भविष्य की मांग पूरी करने तैयारी में जुटी हैं। 2022 तक देश की विमानन कंपनियों के पास 713 एयरक्राफ्ट थे। 2032 तक इनकी संख्या करीब ढाई गुना यानी 1,647 तक पहुंच सकती है।



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वियतजेट की डा नांग के लिए सीधी उड़ान की घोषणा

अहमदाबाद। वियतजेट ने भारत और वियतनाम के बीच एक नई सीधी उड़ान शुरू करने की गुरुवार को घोषणा की जो अहमदाबाद को वियतनाम के तटीय शहर डा नांग से जोड़ेगी। वियतजेट ने एक विज्ञप्ति में कहा कि अहमदाबाद और डा नांग के बीच सप्ताह में दिन परिचालित की जाएगी। डा नांग से अहमदाबाद की उड़ानें हर बुधवार एवं शनिवार स्थानीय समय 19:10 बजे प्रस्थान करेंगी और 23:25 बजे उतरेंगी। अहमदाबाद से वापसी की उड़ान हर गुरुवार एवं रविवार को स्थानीय समय 00:25 बजे चलेंगी और डा नांग अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर पर अगले दिन सुबह 06:55 बजे उतरेंगी। इस नयी उड़ान के साथ वियतजेट की दोनों देशों के बीच यात्री उड़ान सेवा नेटवर्क का विस्तार होगा। एयरलाइन इस समय भारत के साथ आठ जगह से 60 साप्ताहिक उड़ानों का परिचालन करती है। यह एयरलाइन हनोई, हो चि मिन्ह सिटी और डा नांग से नई दिल्ली, मुंबई, अहमदाबाद और कोच्चि के लिए सीधी उड़ानों का परिचालन पहले से कर रही है।



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Flight hoax calls: Stop menace

The Indian aviation industry is facing an unprecedented situation in the wake of bomb hoaxes flooding social media networks. In the last few days, over 170 flights run by Indian airlines and thousands of passengers bore the brunt of these fake threats.

Security experts attributed the hoax bomb calls to factors ranging from malicious intent and attention-seeking to mental health issues.

Worried over the sheer number of fake bomb threats, the Bomb Threat Assessment Committee (BTAC) tweaked its aviation security protocol based on a set of new "red flags". There is a common pattern in all these fake bomb threats, which include the use of virtual private networks (VPN), and recently created social media accounts. However, if the security agencies ignore threats based on these parameters, but the bomb threat does turn out to be true, it would erode people's trust in air travel.

Even if the intent behind such bomb threats is mere pranking, the government should not consider this practice as the new normal that passengers must get adjusted to. A step in this direction would leave the Indian aviation industry and air passengers vulnerable to terrorist attacks, meeting the same fate as the shepherd boy did in the 'Cry Wolf' story.

There are calls for banning people behind these hoax calls from flying for their entire life. However, this punishment could be excessive.

That said, disruption in a flight due to the bomb threat causes a loss of ₹30 lakh to ₹40 lakh to an airline. Thousands of passengers, too, suffer mental trauma and loss of precious time.

For many in India, air travel is still not a default option and they choose it because of speed and comfort. If these very factors turn out to be mirage, the Indian aviation industry will take a serious hit. As this industry is intimately linked to economic growth, the government should brook no excuse from the pranksters involved in this sinister game and try to recover the losses from mischief makers under the Revenue Recovery Act.

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जेएनएन, नई दिल्ली : विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी देने का सिलसिला थमने का नाम नहीं ले रहा। गुरुवार को देशभर में 83 विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की फिर धमकी मिली। पिछले 11 दिनों में 274 विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकियां मिल चुकी हैं। केवल बुधवार ऐसा दिन रहा, जब कोई धमकी नहीं मिली। इस बीच फर्जी बम धमकी के संदेशों और फोन काल को गंभीरता से लेते हुए सरकार ने इन गतिविधियों में शामिल लोगों की पहचान करनी शुरू कर दी है। सरकार ने इंटरनेट मीडिया प्लेटफार्म मेटा और एक्स से कहा है कि वे अपने प्लेटफार्म से कई एयरलाइनों को निशाना बनाकर की गई ऐसी



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फर्जी काल और संदेशों से संबंधित डाटा साझा करें। यही नहीं, सरकार ने शीर्ष बहुराष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी समूहों से भी इस तरह के फर्जी काल करने वाले लोगों की पहचान करने में सहयोग करने को कहा है।

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भारत में एयरबस के पांच हजार से ज्यादा कर्मचारी होंगे

नई दिल्ली: विमान निर्माता कंपनी एयरबस की दक्षिण एशिया प्रमुख रेमी मेलाई ने गुरुवार को कहा कि अगले कुछ वर्षों में भारत में हमारे पांच हजार से अधिक कर्मचारी होंगे। साथ ही कंपनी ने सेवा और उपकरण कारोबार को बढ़ाकर दो अरब डालर तक पहुंचाने का लक्ष्य रखा है। अभी भारत में कंपनी के करीब 3,500 कर्मचारी कार्यरत हैं। कंपनी एअर इंडिया के साथ मिलकर बेंगलुरु में दूसरा पायलट प्रशिक्षण केंद्र बनाएगी। (प्रेट)

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आज मिली धमकियां एडम लैंजा के नाम से बनाए गए एक एक्स हैंडल से भेजी गई हैं। लैंजा 2012 में अमेरिका के न्यूटाउन के एक स्कूल में हुए शूटआउट में शामिल था। 20 वर्षीय एडम लैंजा ने अंधाधुंध गोलीबारी कर 20 बच्चों समेत 26 लोगों को मार डाला था। इसके बाद सुरक्षा कर्मियों के मोर्चा संभालते ही उसने खुद भी सिर में गोली मारकर आत्महत्या

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विमानों को धमकी मामले में एक्स को केंद्र सरकार ने लगाई फटकार

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नई दिल्ली, आइएनएस: पिछले कुछ समय से भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों की उड़ानों को लगातार बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिल रही है। इनमें से कई धमकियां प्लान मस्क के स्वामित्व वाले इंटरनेट मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म एक्स के जरिये दी गई हैं। अब सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय ने एक्स को फटकार लगाई है और पूछा है कि इस तरह की अफवाहों को फैलाने से रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं? उल्लेखनीय है कि एक्स

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- आइटी मंत्रालय ने कहा, एक्स अफसरों का कृत्य अपराध को बढ़ावा देने जैसा
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चकेरी समेत दो एयरपोर्ट उड़ाने की धमकी

जागरण टीम ● कानपुर/नई दिल्ली: वाराणसी, जयपुर और नागपुर समेत देश के कई एयरपोर्टों को उड़ाने की धमकी के बाद अब कानपुर के चकेरी और जबलपुर के डुमना एयरपोर्ट को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी का मामला सामने आया है। चकेरी और खमिरया थाने में एफआइआर दर्ज कराई गई।

चकेरी एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा में लगे सीआइएसएफ के सहायक कमांडेंट केएस राठीर के मुताबिक चार से छह अक्टूबर तक केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (सीआइएसएफ) के विशेष विमानन सुरक्षा समूह (एसएसजी) कानपुर की ईमेल पर तीन धमकी भरे संदेश आए। सभी ईमेल में चकेरी एयरपोर्ट को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी दी गई। ईमेल में लिखा गया है-याद रखना दुनिया के ताकतवर देशों से हमने अकेले टक्कर ली है। हमने उन्हें निराश किया है।

4 से छह अक्टूबर तक तीन ईमेल सीआइएसएफ की एसएसजी इकाई को भेजी गई

परिणाम, धमाका, धमाका, धमाके और बहुत धमाके। कोई रोक नहीं, कोई बचने का रास्ता नहीं, खेल शुरू। इस ईमेल की जानकारी गृह मंत्रालय को देने के बाद बुधवार को कानपुर के चकेरी थाने में मुकदमा दर्ज कराया गया। उधर, जबलपुर के डुमना एयरपोर्ट के सुरक्षा अधिकारी रजत बांगड़े द्वारा खमिरया थाने में दर्ज रिपोर्ट दर्ज के अनुसार 20 अक्टूबर को एक्स पर पोस्ट कर एयरपोर्ट को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी दी गई। पुलिस ने अज्ञात पर वायुयान सुरक्षा अधिनियम के तहत मामला दर्ज किया है। पुलिस का कहना है कि एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा बढ़ा दी गई है।

संबंधित खबर » पेज 5

घरेलू उड़ानों को डायवर्ट किया गया और आपात लैंडिंग करानी पड़ी। इससे विमानन कंपनियों को करोड़ों रुपये का नुकसान उठाना पड़ रहा है। पिछले कुछ दिनों में भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों द्वारा संचालित लगभग डेढ़ सौ उड़ानों को बम की धमकियां मिली हैं। मंगलवार को इंडिगो, विस्तारा और एअर इंडिया द्वारा संचालित 30 उड़ानों को ऐसी धमकियां मिलीं।

उल्लेखनीय है कि विमानों में बम होने की फर्जी धमकी देने वाले आरोपित सुरक्षा एजेंसियों के लिए बड़ी चुनौती बन गए हैं। मुंबई पुलिस

की अपराध शाखा ने कुछ इंटरनेट मीडिया हैंडल और ईमेल पत्तों की जानकारी हासिल करने के लिए एक्स और हाटमेल से संपर्क किया है। इन धमकियों के लिए जिम्मेदार अपराधी अत्यधिक सुरक्षित वर्चुअल प्रोक्सेट नेटवर्क (वीपीएन) का उपयोग कर रहे हैं, जिससे अक्राउंट की उत्पत्ति का पता लगाना मुश्किल हो जाता है। विशेषज्ञों का दावा है कि आरोपित को इंटरनेट मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म, सुरक्षा एजेंसियों और वीपीएन प्रदाताओं जैसे अंतरराष्ट्रीय भागीदारों के सहयोग से ही गिरफ्तार किया जा सकता है।



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DAINIK NAVJYOTI

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बैंगलुरु की फ्लाइट रद्द

नवज्योति, जयपुर। जयपुर से बैंगलुरु जाने वाली फ्लाइट का बुधवार को संचालन रद्द रहा। इसके चलते यात्रियों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की फ्लाइट जयपुर से सुबह 10.45 बजे बैंगलुरु जाती है। यह फ्लाइट बुधवार को संचालन कारणों के चलते रद्द रही।

PLANE FACTS: LOCAL PLAY WITH GLOBAL SUPPORT

Want to Make Aircraft in India, Global Cos have a Big Role to Play: Naidu

Our Bureau

New Delhi: India wants to design and manufacture aircraft locally and global aerospace firms should play a role in that, civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu said on Thursday.

Speaking at an event organised by European aerospace firm Airbus, he also said the industry should start preparing for availability of training infrastructure to have adequate skilled manpower as Indian aviation has been growing exponentially.

The country will have 8,000 aircraft in the next 20 years, the minister said.

India has about 800 planes, including those of non-scheduled operators.

“We want to manufacture aircraft in

India that can serve the civil travel needs of India. We feel that Airbus has a very big role to play,” Naidu said. “They (Airbus) are already doing their bit. They are expanding their footprint when it comes to manufacturing the components of aircraft... We want to design, manufacture and maintain the aircraft in India. That is a very big change in the mindset.”

The Bhartiya Vayuyan Vidheyak Bill 2024, passed by the Lok Sabha in August, has provisions to regulate the design and manufacturing of aircraft, supporting the Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative.

State-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited is manufacturing small civilian planes, albeit on a smaller scale.

While Airbus has formed entities to make C295 military transport planes and H125 civil helicopters in India, it does not plan to set up any facility in the country to manufacture civilian aircraft.

India is one of the world's fastest growing civil aviation markets and domestic carriers have over 1,200 planes on order. It is one of the largest markets for Airbus and US firm Boeing, with IndiGo, AI and Akasa Air together ordering more than 1,500 in the past two years.

When asked earlier this month whether Airbus intended to set up a final assembly line in India, CEO Guillaume Faury had said that the assembly line was just the tip of the iceberg and not a “limiting factor”.



Civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu at the inauguration of Airbus' first fully owned training centre in Asia, near New Delhi - PTI



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5,000 DIRECT INDIA EMPLOYEES

Remi Maillard, president of Airbus India, MD South Asia

Airbus to have over 5,000 people as direct employees in India and also aims to source services and components worth \$2 billion in the next couple of years. Working with Indian research organisations to support commercialisation of the first 'Made in India' sustainable aviation fuel



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Boeing strike to hit Indian carriers: CAPA India

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AS THE STRIKING Boeing workers on Thursday rejected a new compensation deal offered by the management, concerns were raised over the high likelihood of delayed deliveries of aircraft to carriers in India.

Akasa Air and Air India group had placed orders for 386 Boeing planes with a majority of them being the narrow body 737 Max model.

Aviation consultancy firm CAPA India has revised down-

wards the projected fleet size of four carriers to 806-811 by FY25-end from 812 projected at the start of FY25.

“Capacity crisis has been further accentuated as a result of industrial unrest at Boeing. This has impacted Akasa Air’s plans in FY25 and likely to impact Air India’s plans in FY26,” said CAPA India, an aviation consultancy firm.

Kapil Kaul, CEO and director, CAPA India, said, “We expected induction of seven aircraft in Akasa’s fleet. Their current fleet is 25 which was



24 at the end of FY24. We expect an addition of one more aircraft to their fleet while the earlier projection was of 31 aircraft by FY25-end.”

India will have around 120 non-operational aircraft on

the ground, requiring engine supply and spare parts by March 2025. This is down from 150 by the end of FY24.

Struggling low-cost carrier SpiceJet is expected to see half of its current 40 grounded planes to be returned to service by the end of FY25. India is expected to have a fleet of 776-780 aircraft by FY25-end, up from 728 recorded in FY24-end, including those which were on the ground.

“We are expecting below expectation deliveries from Airbus but are much better

than Boeing,” Kaul added.

The consultancy firm did not make any changes to the domestic and international traffic projections. India is expected to have 162-165 million domestic traffic and 75-78 million in international traffic by FY25-end.

Despite the growth in passenger traffic, the overall industry is projected to clock a loss of \$400-600 million, mainly due to capacity shortage. Passenger load factor will remain at 85-86% as projected by CAPA India.



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SINGAPORE

AI, Singapore Airlines expand codeshare pact

Air India and Singapore Airlines (SIA) have agreed to expand their codeshare agreement, adding 11 Indian cities and another 40 international destinations to their network. This marks the first extensive expansion of codeshare arrangements between the airlines since 2010, offering customers enhanced travel options between Singapore and India, as well as beyond.

सुरक्षा के मद्देनजर कई हवाई अड्डों पर हाई अलर्ट, जांच में सख्ती बढ़ी आफत: 83 और विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी

नई दिल्ली, एजेसी। विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी का सिलसिला जारी है। गुरुवार को 83 से अधिक विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी दी गई। एयर इंडिया, विस्तारा और इंडिगो की 20-20, अकासा एयर की 13 तथा एलायंस एयर और स्पाइसजेट की पांच-पांच उड़ानें शामिल हैं। विभिन्न एयरलाइंस में आ रहे बम के संदेशों को ध्यान में रखते हुए दिल्ली सहित देशभर के एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षा बढ़ाई गई है।

पिछले 11 दिनों में भारतीय एयरलाइनों द्वारा संचालित करीब 250 उड़ानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिल चुकी है। जिन 83 से अधिक विमानों को धमकी दी गई उनमें घरेलू व अंतरराष्ट्रीय दोनों उड़ानें शामिल हैं। इन धमकियों से यात्रियों को सफर में भारी परेशानी उठानी पड़ रही है। उड़ानों में घंटों की देरी होने पर लोगों में नाराजगी बढ़ रही है। बड़ी संख्या में विमान यात्री मुआवजे की मांग कर रहे हैं।

धमकी के मद्देनजर सतर्कता बढ़ाई गई: विमान में धमकी के बाद देश के कई हवाई अड्डों को हाई अलर्ट पर रखा गया। गोवा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर) और गोवा में मनोहर अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे को भी गुरुवार को हाई अलर्ट पर रखा गया। इन हवाई अड्डों के लिए जाने वाले चार विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली थी। खतरों का आकलन करने के लिए दोनों हवाई अड्डों के लिए बॉम्ब थ्रेट असेसमेंट कमेटी (बीटीएसी) का गठन किया गया है।

खतरे का आकलन करने में जुटी समिति



250
विमानों को अब तक मिल चुकी है धमकी

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करोड़ से अधिक का नुकसान हो चुका

इंडिगो ने कहा, 20 उड़ानों को लेकर अलर्ट मिले

इंडिगो के प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि गुरुवार को 20 उड़ानों के लिए सुरक्षा संबंधी

इंडिगो के प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि गुरुवार को 20 उड़ानों के लिए सुरक्षा संबंधी अलर्ट मिले। हैदराबाद से गोवा, कोलकाता से हैदराबाद, कोलकाता से बंगलुरु, बंगलुरु से कोलकाता, दिल्ली से इस्तांबुल, मुंबई से इस्तांबुल, जेद्दा से मुंबई और बंगलुरु से झारसुगुडा की उड़ानें शामिल थीं। इसके अलावा पुणे से जोधपुर, कोलकाता से पुणे, हैदराबाद से

वागडोगरा, कोच्चि से बंगलुरु, कोच्चि से हैदराबाद, गुवाहाटी से कोलकाता,

वागडोगरा, कोच्चि से बंगलुरु, कोच्चि से हैदराबाद, गुवाहाटी से कोलकाता, दिल्ली से आईजोल, अहमदाबाद से लखनऊ, जयपुर से वेन्नई, गोवा से कोलकाता, वंडीगढ़ से अहमदाबाद और गुवाहाटी से कोलकाता को भी सुरक्षा संबंधी अलर्ट मिले। विस्तारा के प्रवक्ता ने भी कहा कि गुरुवार को सोशल मीडिया पर उसकी उड़ानों को सुरक्षा संबंधी धमकियां मिलीं।

गोरखपुर में विमान से यात्रियों को उतार कर जांच की गई: गोरखपुर एयरपोर्ट पर हाई अलर्ट घोषित किया गया, यहां अकासा एयर के विमान में बम की धमकी मिली थी। सभी यात्रियों को उतारकर जांच की गई। भुवनेश्वर हवाई अड्डे पर भी अकासा एयर के विमान में बम होने की धमकी के बाद

सुरक्षा बढ़ाई गई लेकिन बाद में यह फर्जी साबित हुई। कोलंबो हवाई अड्डे पर विस्तारा की फ्लाइट में बम होने की खबर के बाद फुल इमरजेंसी घोषित की गई थी।

अकासा एयर ने कहा, सभी सुरक्षा प्रक्रिया का पालन कर रहे: अकासा एयर के प्रवक्ता ने बताया कि 13

कोच्चि हवाई अड्डे पर छह उड़ानों को धमकी

कोच्चि हवाई अड्डे पर छह उड़ानों को गुरुवार को बम की धमकियां मिलीं। हवाई अड्डे के सूत्रों ने बताया कि इनमें दुबई से कोच्चि जाने वाली स्पाइसजेट की एक उड़ान भी शामिल थी। इस सप्ताह की शुरुआत में नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने कहा था कि सरकार एयरलाइनों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी के मामलों से निपटने के लिए कानूनी कार्रवाई करने की योजना बना रही है।

आगरा एयरपोर्ट को उड़ाने की चेतावनी

उड़ाने की चेतावनी
आगरा एयरपोर्ट को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी दिए जाने के 20 दिन के बाद शाहगंज थाने में एफआईआर दर्ज कराई गई है। सीआईएसएफ की आधिकारिक ईमेल आईडी पर धमकी भरा मेल 4 अक्टूबर को भेजा गया था।

उड़ानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली है। आपातकालीन प्रतिक्रिया टीम स्थिति पर नजर रख रही है और सुरक्षा एवं नियामक अधिकारियों के संपर्क में है। हम अधिकारियों के साथ समन्वय में सभी सुरक्षा प्रक्रियाओं का पालन कर रहे हैं।

➤ उड़ानों में देरी P17

यात्रियों को भारी परेशानी हो रही, सोशल मीडिया पर शिकायत दर्ज करा रहे, नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय पूरे मामले पर नजर रख रहा

बम की धमकी से उड़ान में दस घंटे तक देरी, यात्री मुआवजा मांग रहे

एयरपोर्ट उड़ाने की धमकी, 20 दिन बाद मुकदमा दर्ज

कार्टवाई

सभी जगह एक जैसा संदेश ही भेजा जा रहा

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। विमानों में बम होने की लगातार धमकी मिलने की वजह से यात्रियों को भारी परेशानी उठानी पड़ रही है।

धमकियों के कारण विमान छह से आठ घंटे की देरी से उड़ान भर रहे हैं। धमकी मिलने के कारण हवाई अड्डे से उड़ान भरने वाले दूसरे विमानों, यात्रियों और उनके सामान की सघन जांच करनी पड़ी रही है। इससे अन्य विमानों के उड़ान का समय भी प्रभावित हो रहा है। उड़ानों में देरी पर लोग सोशल मीडिया के जरिए अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करा रहा है, साथ ही मुआवजे की मांग कर रहे हैं।

यात्री परेशान हो रहे : विनय नाम के सोशल मीडिया यूजर ने गुरुवार शाम सवा पांच बजे लिखा कि स्पाइसजेट की पुणे से गोवा जाने वाली फ्लाइट संख्या एसजी-185 को दोपहर 12:30 बजे अपने निर्धारित समय पर रवाना होना था। अब तक तीन बार समय बदला जा चुका है। आठ घंटे से अधिक की देरी हो चुकी है। यह हास्यास्पद और अस्वीकार्य है। अधिकारियों के पास अपनी लगातार

विमानन कंपनियों कर रही वैकल्पिक इंतजाम

बम के फर्जी संदेशों की वजह से यात्रियों एवं एयरलाइंस दोनों को ही परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। खुद नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय द्वारा इस पूरे मामले की निगरानी की जा रही है। ऐसे में प्रत्येक एयरलाइंस यात्रियों का सहयोग कर रही है। यात्रियों को रिफंड में फिलहाल परेशानी नहीं हो रही है। विमानन कंपनियां यात्रियों के टहरने से लेकर उन्हें अगली उड़ान की टिकट मुहैया कराने तक का वैकल्पिक विकल्प दे रही हैं।

शिकायत दर्ज करा रहा हूँ और उनसे मुआवजे की मांग कर रहा हूँ।
सोशल मीडिया पर शिकायत : आरके नाम के व्यक्ति ने गुरुवार शाम को सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म पर लिखा कि अकासा एयर की उड़ान संख्या क्यूपी 1128 को 24 अक्टूबर की शाम चार बजे दिल्ली से मुंबई के लिए उड़ान भरनी थी। बाद में बताया गया



06 घंटे तक का समय लगता है विमानों की बारीकी से जांच में
धमकी मिलने पर क्या है एसओपी
किसी विमान में बम की धमकी का संदेश मिलने पर उसे तुरंत नजदीकी एयरपोर्ट पर उतारना होता है। अगर विमान उड़ान भरने के बाद ज्यादा दूर नहीं गया है तो वह वापस उसी एयरपोर्ट पर लौटता है। सभी यात्री एवं विमान में मौजूद कर्मचारियों को बाहर निकाला जाता है। सुरक्षा एजेंसियां यात्री एवं उनके सामान सहित पूरे विमान के चप्पे-चप्पे की जांच करती हैं। दूसरी तरफ, एयरपोर्ट पर आपात बैठक होती है। बैठक में एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन, ब्यूरो ऑफ सिविल एविएशन, डीजीसीए, सुरक्षा एजेंसी आदि के अधिकारी शामिल होते हैं। बैठक में तय किया जाता है कि बम की सूचना को कितना गंभीर माना जाए। इसके बाद कॉल या संदेश को फर्जी करार दिया जाता है।

कि यह 5.40 बजे उड़ान भरेगी, फिर कहा गया कि 6.40 बजे रवाना होगा। अब जानकारी दी जा रही है कि रात 8:05 मिनट पर रवाना होगी। क्या कोई बतना सकता है कि यह रात को उड़ान भरेगी या नहीं। इस पर अकासा एयर ने जवाब दिया कि हमें इस असुविधा के लिए खेद है। हम यह कंफर्म कर सकते हैं कि आपकी फ्लाइट 20:05 पर

रवाना होगी। रवीश नागोरी ने लिखा कि सुरक्षा कारणों से उदयपुर से अहमदाबाद जाने वाली एलायंस एयर की फ्लाइट में देरी हो रही है। ग्राउंड स्टाफ को प्रस्थान के बारे में उचित जानकारी नहीं है। कृपया एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया ग्राउंड स्टाफ के लिए नियम बनाएं, जिससे कि वो सही जानकारी दे पाएंगे।

आगरा, प्रमुख संवाददाता। आगरा एयरपोर्ट को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी दिए जाने के 20 दिन के बाद शाहगंज थाने में एफआईआर दर्ज कराई गई है। सीआईएसएफ की आधिकारिक ईमेल आईडी पर धमकी भरा मेल 4 अक्टूबर को भेजा गया था। मेल आने के बाद एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा बढ़ा दी गई थी। मामले की जांच के लिए साइबर सेल को भी लगाया गया है। फिलहाल यह पता नहीं लग सका है कि मेल किसने भेजा था।

मुकदमे के अनुसार चार अक्टूबर को दोपहर 1.16 मिनट पर generalshiva.98@red: Hmail.com से केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल इकाई आगरा एयरपोर्ट की आधिकारिक ईमेल आईडी पर धमकी भरा मेल आया। सुरक्षा एजेंसियों ने इस धमकी को गोपनीय रखा। ताकि दहशत नहीं फैले। सुरक्षा बढ़ा दी गई। सुरक्षा एजेंसियां अपने स्तर से इस मामले की जांच में जुट गईं। सीआईएसएफ ने मेल की जानकारी गृह मंत्रालय को भी दी। बुधवार रात में सीआईएसएफ एसआई अनूप कुमार गुप्ता ने शाहगंज

एक ही संदेश भेजा जा रहा है एयरपोर्ट उड़ाने की धमकी कौन दे रहा है यह अभी पता नहीं चला है। धमकी में एक बात कॉमन है। सभी जगह संदेश एक जैसा ही भेजा जा रहा है। पुलिस के अनुसार धमकी भरे ईमेल में लिखा है याद रखना दुनिया के ताकतवर देशों से हमने अकेले टक्कर ली है। हमने उन्हें निराश किया है। परिणाम, धमाका और धमाके। कोई रोक नहीं। कोई बचने का रास्ता नहीं। खेल शुरू।

थाने में तहरीर दी। डीसीपी सिटी सूरज कुमार राय ने बताया कि तहरीर पर धमकी देने और आईटी एन्ट के तहत मुकदमा दर्ज कराया गया है। ईमेल आईडी के जरिए साइबर सेल की टीम आरोपित का पता लगाने का प्रयास कर रही है। मेल भेजते समय किस इंटरनेट कनेक्शन का प्रयोग किया गया था। पहले यह पता लगाया जा रहा है। उसके बाद आरोपित का पता चलेगा। इससे पहले भी धमकी भरे ईमेल के मामले साइबर सेल ने सुलझाए हैं। एयरपोर्ट के बाहर भी पुलिस को अलर्ट किया गया है।



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Post merger, Vistara aircraft to serve metro-to-metro routes

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All 63 newer narrow-body aircraft in Vistara's fleet will serve metro-to-metro routes once the carrier merges with Air India on November 12 to ensure superior experience for passengers on high-density routes, according to a senior executive at Air India.

"The metro-to-metro routes will be ring-fenced, where newer aircraft of Vistara will be deployed," a senior official of Air India said on the sidelines of an industry event here. "These will be pulled out from the non-metro routes, and replaced by older aircraft in Air India's



fleet," the official added.

This differentiated fleet deployment will continue at least until June, when Air India intends to complete the refurbishment of its 25 narrow-body planes with new carpets, curtains, upholstery, cabin panels and subtle cabin lighting.

Similarly, Vistara's seven wide-body aircraft will

be deployed only on routes to Frankfurt and London Heathrow, while Air India aircraft will continue to serve the remaining long-haul routes, including all flights to Paris which is also being served by Vistara.

Vistara, which unveiled flight operations in January 2015, has a narrow-body fleet of 63 A320 and A321s, which are, on an average, 2.6 to 3.8 years old.

The airline's seven wide-body Boeing 787 Dreamliners have an average age of four years.

In contrast, Air India's 24 A319s and 24 A321s have an average age of 16.2 years and 12.2 years, and the airline's 95 A320s have an average age of 5.5 years.



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Airbus opens new India headquarters, training unit

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Airbus inaugurated its new India and South Asia Headquarters and training centre which will comprise four A320 simulators and have the capacity to train 800 pilots and 200 technicians annually.

"It will be the heart of Airbus' industrial mission in India, which is to catalyse the exponential growth of the aerospace industry, develop a holistic aerospace and defence ecosystem, leverage and grow the technological talent of the country, and thereby, create skilled jobs and higher aerospace ex-



Ram Mohan Naidu (right)

ports from India," said Michael Schoellhorn, CEO of Airbus Defence and Space, at the inauguration event.

Enumerating Airbus's footprint in India, Mr. Schoellhorn said the aerospace major has doubled its procurement from India to a worth of over €1 billion,

grown its headcount in India to 3,500 employees, apart from building two final assembly lines – one for the C295 military transporter and another for the H125 helicopter.

Union Minister for Civil Aviation Ram Mohan Naidu, who inaugurated the facility here, said it was imperative to 'pursue the dream of train in India' in the civil aviation space as 4,000 aircraft will be added in the next 20 years to the current fleet size of 800 aircraft with various airlines and 50 more airports will be added in the next five years and 400 airports will be added in the next 20 to 25 years.

No end to flight chaos as 80 more get bomb threats

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NEW DELHI: At least 80 domestic and international flights operated by Indian carriers received bomb threats on Thursday, as authorities sought cooperation from social media platforms to stem the tide of hoax messages that have disrupted air travel across the country.

The latest wave of threats targeted approximately 20 flights each from Air India, Vistara, and IndiGo, while Akasa Air

AMONG THE FLIGHTS AFFECTED WERE 20 EACH OF INDIGO, VISTARA AND AIR INDIA

received threats for 13 flights. Alliance Air and SpiceJet each saw about five flights affected, according to reports.

According to PTI, the government has asked social media platforms Meta and X to share data about the hoax threats, which have now affected more

than 250 flights in 11 days.

IndiGo confirmed receiving security alerts for 20 specific flights, including international services 6E 11 (Delhi to Istanbul), 6E 17 (Mumbai to Istanbul), and 6E 58 (Jeddah to Mumbai), alongside domestic routes connecting major cities such as Bengaluru, Kolkata, Hyderabad, and Goa.

"After thorough inspections, all the aircraft concerned were released for operations," an Akasa Air spokesperson said, adding that airport services

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to constitute a committee of experts to reconsider the proposal.

The affidavit by the LG was in response to an order passed by the court on October 16 in a contempt petition on the felling of some 1100 trees in southern ridge area of Delhi for constructing a road near Satbari to provide better access to a multi-specialty hospital for paramilitary forces, SAARC University, and other residential projects for the Delhi Police, CBI, NIA and CISF.

DDA claimed that its internal inquiry found that Manoj Kumar Yadav, the executive engineer wrote to the contractor for felling trees "on his own accord" and also blamed two assistant engineers, Pawan Kumar and Ayush Saraswat, for acts of omission.

However, the top court observed that these officers seem to be "scapegoats" as permission for felling these trees could not have come without the knowledge and approval from the top.

FLIGHT THREATS

teams coordinated with local authorities to ensure "efficient handling of the situation including safe deplaning of passengers, assistance and refreshments as required."

The threats triggered emergency responses across multiple airports. At Biju Patnaik International Airport in Bhubaneswar, director Prasanna Pradhan confirmed receiving a threat on X about bombs on an Akasa Air flight. "Following standard operating procedure (SOP), we have cleared the flight and it departed for its destination," Pradhan said, according to PTI.

In Kolkata, airport director Pravat Ranjan Beuria reported that several flights were taken to isolation bays for thorough inspection. The threats affected operations at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, contributing to delays in flight suspensions related to Cyclone Dana. At Gorakhpur Airport, a bomb threat on Akasa Air flight QPP 1880 from Bengaluru caused significant delays, with airport director R K Parasher reporting that an IndiGo flight to Hyderabad was delayed by 30 minutes and the subsequent Akasa flight to Delhi was delayed by four hours.

The development follows a virtual meeting on Wednesday between the IT ministry and representatives from airlines and

social media platforms. Joint secretary Sanket S Bhondve, who chaired the meeting, questioned X's representatives about their measures to prevent such false threats. "The IT ministry told the social media companies to promptly give the government and law enforcement agencies information related to the bomb threats. This includes, but is not limited to the details of the person posting the hoax message," said a person who attended the meeting, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Representatives of X and Meta did not respond to requests for a comment on Thursday's messages. Earlier in the day, an X spokesperson responded to queries sent by HT on Wednesday to state: "We prohibit violent threats on X and take any such reports seriously. That includes and is not limited to threats to harm civilian infrastructure essential to daily, civic or business activities. Our teams, systems and reporting channels are at work around the clock to keep X safer for all our users in India".

To be sure, it is not clear how X, which has always been reluctant to share information on users, plans to do this.

The threats have primarily come through X, with perpetrators apparently using VPNs to maintain anonymity. Two accounts identified by Hindustan Times, @schizobomber777 and @adamianzall1, were reportedly created recently, specifically to post these threats. The second account continued posting threats even after the issue had become a serious concern.

Legal experts note that Section 66F of the IT Act, addressing cyber terrorism, combined with Sections 351 and 353 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), provides adequate framework to deal with such hoaxes. The legislation covers threats made over digital channels intended to manipulate or interfere with critical infrastructure.

Airlines have requested the government to establish mechanisms for social media platforms to prevent such threats from being uploaded publicly, HT reported on Thursday. "The airlines want social media companies to proactively detect them before they are uploaded and report them to the relevant authorities," a person aware of the matter had said, asking not to be named.

The spate of threats has forced numerous flight diversions and

delays, with some incidents escalating to international involvement. Earlier this month, both the Royal Air Force and Singapore Armed Forces had to scramble fighter jets to escort threatened Indian aircraft.

Aviation experts warn that while security agencies cannot ignore such threats, repeated false alarms risk compromising vigilance. Security experts emphasise that the issue extends beyond aviation, suggesting that similar threats could target banks or schools, highlighting the need for stronger platform-level prevention measures.

The government has indicated plans for legislative action to address the crisis, including placing perpetrators on no-fly lists. Meanwhile, security has been enhanced at airports nationwide, with officials reporting a 10 percent increase in security measures over the past week.

SHEIKH HASINA

Lutyens Delhi since she shifted from Hindon, as first reported by The Print earlier in the day. A Financial Times report last month also said that she was spotted at Lodhi Garden, a popular haunt for walkers in central Delhi.

The officials quoted above said her new residence was an intelligence bureau (IB) safe-house but asked not to disclose the exact location, citing threats to Hasina's life. She is also facing an arrest warrant in Bangladesh.

The inner and outer security cordon of all the safe house – one of three such facilities in central Delhi – is taken care of by the officials of the central agencies while "watchers and spotters" from the commando unit of the Delhi Police are deployed around the bungalows to keep a vigil on suspicious activities and people, one of the officials cited above said.

A second official said that a sub-inspector (SI) from Delhi Police was tagged with the officials of the IB and ministry of external affairs (MEA) for a couple of days when Hasina was brought to Delhi from Hindon.

"The sub-inspector was given very clear instructions – not to disclose details about the secret operation and the address of the safe house to anyone in his personal and professional circles. The SI was told that he shouldn't be revealing any information even if the Delhi Police chief or any of his super-



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Airbus to double sourcing from India over next couple of years

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
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EUROPEAN AEROSPACE giant Airbus expects its component and services sourcing from India to nearly double to \$2 billion annually over the next couple of years as the company's engagement with the country is "gaining a new momentum" at a time when the aerospace and defence industry is taking off in India, Airbus India and South Asia president & managing director Rémi Maillard said Thursday. Airbus

currently sources components and services worth 1 billion euros (\$1.08 billion) from India.

India is the world's third-largest domestic aviation market and also among the fastest-growing major aviation markets globally. With Indian airlines having over 1,200 commercial aircraft on order — a bulk of those with Airbus—the country is slated to emerge as a global aviation hotspot over the coming years. The country is also pushing the allied sectors of domestic aerospace and defence manufacturing.

FOR PRODUCT CONSISTENCY

Air India plans to minimise overlap with Vistara aircraft on common routes

SUKALP SHARMA

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AIR INDIA plans to minimise the overlap between its older aircraft and Vistara planes at the individual route level after the carriers' impending merger in a bid to provide certainty to flyers regarding the quality of product they are likely to experience, according to sources in the know.

Vistara's 70 aircraft—63 narrow-body and seven wide-body jets—offer a superior passenger experience than most of Air India's fleet, which still has a number of old legacy aircraft from its government ownership days.

Air India has already announced that after the merger, which will take effect on November 12, the Vistara product will continue as it is for a few months at least and customers will be able to identify flights operated by the Vistara aircraft and crew easily as they will have a four-digit flight number starting with 2, against Air India's three-digit flight numbers. Sources indicated that the product differentiation is likely to continue at least till June, when the retrofit programme for Air India's legacy narrow-body fleet is scheduled to be completed. With new aircraft coming in and older aircraft undergoing refurbishment, Air India will eventually be able to offer a uniform product across its fleet and the planes will largely become fungible.

In the interim, the Tata group airline will try and ensure that each



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route has consistency in its product offering, which would mean that the carrier will look to deploy Vistara's aircraft and its own new aircraft on certain priority routes like those connecting metropolitan cities with one another, and deploy Air India's older aircraft on certain other routes, per sources. The idea is to set the customer's expectations right and offer a consistent product on that route irrespective of the flight booked.

The rejig will not be limited to just the domestic network of the enlarged Air India, and would include international routes as well where currently both Air India and Vistara operate. Slots at certain international airports are also being adjusted accordingly.

"Vistara aircraft and Air India's new aircraft will most likely be used to operate metro-to-metro routes, while the older planes will be deployed on some other routes. The overlap will be minimised on international routes as well, like Delhi-Frankfurt flights are likely to be operated by the Vistara aircraft, while Delhi-Paris may be served only by Air India aircraft...Of course, a few overlaps here and there cannot be

avoided," said a source with direct knowledge of the matter.

In its nearly 10 years of operations, Vistara had made a mark for itself as the premier full-service carrier in India that offered a superior product in a market dominated by budget carriers. With the Tata group deciding to merge Vistara into the group's flagship airline Air India—which the Tatas acquired from the government in January 2022—there were concerns about Vistara's product and service quality after the merger.

Under government control, Air India was under financial stress, and this reflected in its product and service quality, which was seen as below the standards expected from a full-service carrier. While the now-privatised airline has undertaken a mammoth fleet modernisation and expansion plan, it still has a large number of legacy aircraft that are in a rundown state. The \$400-million upgradation of the airline's entire narrow-body fleet started last month and is expected to be complete by the middle of next year. As for its legacy wide-body aircraft—Boeing 787s and 777s—Air India expects their retrofit to start early next year.



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वियतजेट की अहमदाबाद से वियतनाम में डा नांग के लिए सीधी उड़ान की घोषणा

अहमदाबाद, एजेंसी। वियतजेट ने भारत और वियतनाम के बीच एक नयी सीधी उड़ान शुरू करने की गुरुवार को घोषणा की जो अहमदाबाद को वियतनाम के तटीय शहर डा नांग से जोड़ेगी। वियतजेट ने एक विज्ञप्ति में कहा कि अहमदाबाद और डा नांग के बीच सप्ताह में दिन परिचालित की जाएगी।

डा नांग से अहमदाबाद की उड़ानें हर बुधवार एवं शनिवार स्थानीय समय 19:10 बजे प्रस्थान करेंगी और 23:25 बजे उतरेंगी। अहमदाबाद से वापसी की उड़ान हर गुरुवार एवं रविवार को स्थानीय समय 00:25 बजे चलेंगी और डा नांग अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर पर अगले दिन सुबह 06:55 बजे उतरेंगी। इस नयी उड़ान के साथ वियतजेट की दोनों देशों के बीच यात्री उड़ान सेवा नेटवर्क का विस्तार होगा। एयरलाइन इस समय भारत के साथ आठ जगह से 60 साप्ताहिक



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उड़ानों का परिचालन करती है। यह एयरलाइन हनोई, हो चि मिन्ह सिटी और डा नांग से नई दिल्ली, मुंबई, अहमदाबाद और कोच्चि के लिए सीधी उड़ानों का परिचालन पहले से

कह रही है। वियतनामी कम लागत वाली सेवाएं देने वाली एयरलाइन वियतजेट का मुख्यालय हनोई में है। यह वहां की पहली निजी स्वामित्व वाली एयरलाइन है।



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80 more Indian flights receive bomb threats in a single day

Govt asks social media firms to share info as over 250 flights get hoax threats in 11 days

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NEW DELHI

At least 80 domestic and international flights operated by Indian carriers received bomb threats on Thursday, as authorities sought cooperation from social media platforms to stem the tide of hoax messages that have disrupted air travel across the country.

The latest wave of threats targeted approximately 20 flights each from Air India, Vistara, and IndiGo, while Akasa Air received threats for 13 flights. Alliance Air and SpiceJet each saw about five flights affected, according to reports.

According to PTI, the government has asked social media platforms Meta and X (formerly Twitter) to share data about the hoax threats, which have affected over 250 flights in 11 days.

IndiGo confirmed receiving security alerts for

20 specific flights, including international services 6E 11 (Delhi to Istanbul), 6E 17 (Mumbai to Istanbul), and 6E 58 (Jeddah to Mumbai), alongside domestic routes connecting major cities such as Bengaluru, Kolkata, Hyderabad, and Goa.

"After thorough inspections, all the aircraft concerned were released for operations," an Akasa Air spokesperson said.

The threats triggered emergency responses across multiple airports. At Biju Patnaik International Airport in Bhubaneswar, director Prasanna Pradhan confirmed receiving a threat on X about bombs on an Akasa Air flight.

In Kolkata, airport director Pravat Ranjan Beuria said several flights were taken to isolation bays for thorough inspection, contributing to delays in

flight suspensions related to Cyclone Dana.

At Gorakhpur Airport, a bomb threat on Akasa Air flight QPP1880 from Bengaluru caused significant delays, with airport director R. K. Parasher reporting that an IndiGo flight to Hyderabad was delayed by 30 minutes and the subsequent Akasa

flight to Delhi was delayed by four hours.

In a virtual meeting on Wednesday, the IT ministry "told the social media companies to promptly give the

government and law enforcement agencies information related to the bomb threats. This includes, but is not limited to the details of the person posting the hoax message," said a person who attended the meeting, speaking on condition of anonymity.

20 flights each from Air India, Vistara, and IndiGo, and 13 from Akasa Air got threats. Alliance Air and SpiceJet each saw about five flights affected



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Govt asks Meta, X to share data on hoax bomb threats to airlines

More than 80 flights receive bomb threats on Thursday

MPOST BUREAU

NEW DELHI: To combat a rising wave of hoax bomb threats targeting airlines, the Central government has asked major social media platforms Meta and X to provide data regarding these threats. The order comes as over 80 flights received bomb threat messages on Thursday alone, with the government now identifying those behind these activities.

Sources familiar with the situation revealed that the government is collaborating with leading multinational technology companies to trace the originators of these hoax calls, underlining that this effort serves the public good. The urgency of this situation is underscored by the alarming statistic that more than 250 flights operated by Indian carriers have faced bomb threats in just 11



days, the majority of which have been communicated through social media platforms.

"The government has told social media companies Meta and X to share data pertaining to such hoax calls and messages made on their platforms targeting several airlines and asked them to cooperate," one source confirmed. This collaboration is deemed essential for public safety and security, prompting inquiries into whether the platforms are complying with the government's request.

On Thursday, the bomb threats affected a mix of domestic and international flights, with significant impacts reported across various Indian airlines. Notably, around 20 flights each from Air India, Vistara, and IndiGo were implicated, alongside 13 flights from Akasa Air.

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Additionally, five flights each from Alliance Air and SpiceJet also received similar threats.

In response to these security alerts, an IndiGo spokesperson indicated that the airline received notifications for 20 of its flights, while Akasa Air reported that all 13 of its flights subjected to security alerts were thoroughly inspected and subsequently cleared for operations. "The airport services teams at all impacted airports coordinated with local authorities to ensure efficient handling of the situation, including safe deplaning of passengers and providing necessary assistance," stated the spokesperson.

Vistara also confirmed that several of its flights encountered security threats via social media.



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Flight ops to remain suspended at Kolkata airport

From 6 pm on October 24 to 9 am on October 25

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA: On account of Cyclone 'Dana', Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) airport, Kolkata, officials announced on Wednesday that flight operations will remain suspended from 6 pm on October 24 to 9 am on October 25. The airport held preparatory meetings on both October 22 and 23 with all the **Continued on P6**

Flight ops to...

stakeholders and MET Director at NSCBI Airport, Kolkata.

The MeT director informed that the wind speed will be around 60 kmph to 70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph with heavy to very heavy rain at Kolkata and adjoining areas.

"To ensure safety of passengers and aircraft, all the stakeholders including ATC, CNS, Chairman AOC and vice-chairman AOC and others unanimously decided to suspend operations from 1800 hrs on 24.10.2024 till 0900hrs of 25.10.2024." the statement read.

On average, the Kolkata airport handles more than 400 flights (arrival and departure) daily. The number of flights scheduled to operate during the 15 hours when operations will be suspended will either have to be cancelled or rescheduled by the respective airlines, an AAI official said.

The standard operating procedures such as inspection of the airport infrastructure and the drainage system, checking and servicing of all installations are being carried out.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

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Of over 80 flights alerted, one was flying over Pak

SHEKHAR SINGH @ New Delhi

EVEN as the bomb scare saga continued for flights on Thursday, one among those over 80 aircraft, an Air India flight (AI-147) traveling from Ahmedabad to London's Gatwick airport on Thursday, received the "hoax" threat at a time when it was flying over the Pakistan airspace.

The situation triggered coordinated efforts between Indian and Pakistani ATC, with Pakistan's controllers assisting in safely guiding the aircraft through their airspace.

Meanwhile, Pakistan media reports stated that the aircraft remained in Pakistani airspace for about one hour and 35 minutes, covering close to 700 nautical miles. It was briefly placed in a holding pattern due to certain complexities but did not request an emergency landing.

The flight continued to its destination, following standard aviation protocols, which include notifying the next air traffic control region when a security threat arises.

According to media reports citing sources, the captain chose to manage the situation, noting that the cabin remained calm throughout.

Sources confirmed the flight landed safely. However, Air In-



An IndiGo aircraft from Saudi Arabia after it made an emergency landing following a bomb threat at Jaipur airport on October 15 | FILE PHOTO

More than 250 planes in 11 days threatened

More than 80 flights faced bomb scares on Thursday. Around 20 flights each from Air India, Vistara, and IndiGo were targeted, while Akasa Air and SpiceJet received threats to 13 and 5 flights, respectively. The alarming surge brings the total number of flights threatened in the past 11 days to over 250. Affected flights included international routes.

dia did not respond to a query sent by this newspaper over the Ahmedabad-to-London flight but confirmed receiving threats to several flights on Thursday.

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flights, respectively.

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"Some Air India flights were subject to security threats received on social media on October 24, 2024. Following the laid down protocols, authorities were immediately alerted, and all security procedures strictly

adhered to, as per guidance from the regulatory authorities," said an Air India official.

The Akasa Air official also said that 13 of their flights received security alerts on Thursday. IndiGo confirmed that they had received security threats for 20 of its flights, including those on international routes. The flights on international routes included Delhi to Istanbul, Mumbai to Istanbul, and Jeddah to Mumbai.

"We confirm that a few of Vistara's flights operating on October 24, 2024 received security threats on social media. We immediately alerted the relevant authorities and are following all security procedures as directed by them. At Vistara, the safety and security of our customers, crew, and aircraft are of utmost importance," said Vistara spokesperson.

Earlier, Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu announced the government's plan to introduce legislative measures, including a no-fly list of individuals responsible for such threats. The Bomb Threat Assessment Committee (BTAC) has also updated its protocols, focusing on enhanced security checks and coordination between airline and airport authorities.

एक दिन में 95 उड़ानों को धमकी, गूगल-X से मांगी गई जानकारी

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■ नई दिल्ली : भारतीय एयरलाइंस को धमकी मिलने का सिलसिला रुकने का नाम नहीं ले रहा है। गुरुवार को 95 फ्लाइटों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली। यह एक दिन में मिली सबसे ज्यादा धमकियां हैं। सूत्रों ने कहा कि एयर इंडिया, विस्तारा और इंडिगो की लगभग 20 उड़ानों को धमकियां मिलीं। अकासा एयर को 13 उड़ानों को धमकियां दी गईं। अलायंस एयर, स्पाइसजेट की लगभग 5 उड़ानों को ऐसे मेसेज मिले। ज्यादातर धमकियां X (पहले ट्विटर) अकाउंट और ईमेल के



जरिए दी गईं। इनमें से एक अकाउंट कुछ देर पहले बनाया और फिर धमकी के बाद डिलीट कर दिया गया। जांच एजेंसियों ने गूगल, X, नेटवर्क उपलब्ध कराने वाली कंपनियों से जानकारी मांगी है।

भुवनेश्वर एयरपोर्ट को भी फर्जी धमकी

भुवनेश्वर एयरपोर्ट को भी गुरुवार को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली। इसके बाद यहां सुरक्षा कड़ी कर दी गई। बाद में पता चला कि X पर मिली यह धमकी फर्जी है। पिछले 11 दिन में लगभग 250 उड़ानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिल चुकी है। नागर विमानन मंत्रालय इस पर कड़ा ऐक्शन लेने की तैयारी में है।



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RASHTRIYA SAHARA

DELHI

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पांच साल में 50 नए एयरपोर्ट बनाने की तैयारी

■ बीस साल में होंगे 200 अतिरिक्त एयरपोर्ट ■ इससे नए क्षेत्रों में रोजगार सृजन को बढ़ावा

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

नागर विमानन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने वृहस्पतिवार को कहा कि सरकार का इरादा अगले पांच साल में 50 अतिरिक्त हवाईअड्डे विकसित करने का है।

नायडू ने देश की हवाईअड्डा पारिस्थितिकी को और विकसित करने की क्कालत करते हुए कहा कि इससे रोजगार सृजन को भी बढ़ावा मिलेगा। नागर विमानन मंत्री ने राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में एयरवस इंडिया और दक्षिण एशिया



मुख्यालय पर प्रशिक्षण केंद्र के उद्घाटन कार्यक्रम में यह बात कही।

उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार का इरादा अगले पांच वर्षों में 50 नए हवाईअड्डों को विकसित करने का

है। यह संख्या अगले 20 वर्षों में 200 अतिरिक्त हवाईअड्डों तक हो जाने की उम्मीद है।

नरेन्द्र मोदी सरकार के पिछले 10 साल के कार्यकाल में देश के भीतर हवाई अड्डों की संख्या दोगुनी होकर 157 हो गई है। नायडू ने हवाईअड्डा पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र को विकसित करने की जरूरत पर भी बल दिया जो रोजगार सृजन और वाणिज्यिक गतिविधियों को बढ़ावा देने में मदद करेगा। इस अवसर पर नागर विमानन सचिव युमलुनमंग बुअल्लम ने कहा कि देश में हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या अगले पांच साल में दोगुनी होने की उम्मीद है।



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वियतजेट का नया रूट



नई दिल्ली। वियतजेट ने स्थानीय एवं अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों की लगातार बढ़ रही मांगों को पूरा करने के लिए अपने नेटवर्क का विस्तार करना जारी रखा है। इसी कड़ी में कंपनी ने अपने नये हायरकट रूट को शुरू करने की घोषणा की है। यह रूट अहमदाबाद को वियतनाम के आकर्षक तटीय शहर हा नांग से जोड़ेगा। आरंभिक उड़ान को दोनों ही शहरों के लोगों ने बड़ा प्रोत्साहन दिया। अहमदाबाद-हा नांग रूट हर हफ्ते दो रिटर्न फ्लाइट्स चलाएगा।



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SWATANTRA BHARAT

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विमान धमकियों के मामले में सरकार का एक्स-मेटा से सवाल

नई दिल्ली। विमानों को बम धमकियों के मामले में बुधवार को आईटी मिनिस्ट्री ने सोशल मीडिया

- खतरनाक अफवाहें रोकने के लिए आपने क्या किया
- ये तो जुर्म को बढ़ावा देना हुआ

प्लेटफॉर्म एक्स, मेटा और एयरलाइन कंपनियों के साथ वर्चुअल मीटिंग की। सरकार ने पूछा कि आपने इन खतरनाक अफवाहों को फैलने से रोकने के लिए क्या किया। जो हालात हैं, उनसे जाहिर होता है कि

आप जुर्म को बढ़ावा दे रहे थे। मीडिया रिपोर्ट्स में सूत्रों के हवाले से इस मीटिंग के बारे में जानकारी दी गई है। पिछले 9 दिनों में ही 170 से ज्यादा विमानों को धमकियां दी गई हैं। रिपोर्ट्स के मुताबिक, धमकियों के चलते एविएशन सेक्टर को करीब 600 करोड़ का नुकसान हो चुका है। देश में यात्री विमानों को मिल रही धमकी का सिलसिला लगातार जारी है। मंगलवार को भी 50 से ज्यादा फ्लाइट्स को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली थी। इसमें एयर इंडिया और इंडिगो की 13-13 उड़ानों, अकासा एयर की 12 से अधिक उड़ानों और विस्तारा की 11 उड़ानों को धमकी मिली थी।



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IT Ministry slams Elon Musk-run X for 'abetting crime' after 100 flight bomb threats

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, 23 OCTOBER

The IT Ministry on Wednesday slammed Elon Musk-run social media platform X after more than 100 bomb threats were received by airlines over the past few days, with many of these hoaxes being circulated via social media platforms.

In a virtual meeting with representatives of airlines and social media platforms such as X and Meta, the IT Ministry officials said the situation amounts to "X abetting crime" and questioned its representatives on the steps taken to stop such alarming rumours from spreading.

Joint Secretary, IT, Sanket S Bhondve chaired the virtual meeting, according to reports.

The online threats have



created panic among the passengers and set off alarm bells for security agencies.

Several flights, including international ones, were diverted after the hoax calls. More than 120 flights operated by Indian carriers have received bomb threats over the past few days.

On Tuesday, 30 flights operated by IndiGo, Vistara and Air India received such threats.

Union Civil Aviation Min-

ister K Rammohan Naidu said on Monday that those circulating such hoax threats will face tough action, including being put on a no-fly list.

The government plans to amend the 'Suppression of Unlawful Acts' against the 'Safety of Civil Aviation Act' so that action could be initiated for offences when an aircraft is on the ground.

Currently, the aviation security norms largely cover in-flight offences.

"We are trying to make amendments and the legal team has worked on it. We need consultations with other ministries also. We are definitely pushing forward to have changes in the Act also so that it addresses offences that happen when the flight is on the ground and also make it a cognisable offence," the minister said.

Stick on X for 'abetting' hoax threats to flights

IMRAN AHMED SIDDIQUI

New Delhi: The Centre has pulled up social media platform X for "abetting" the spread of false alarms amid a spike in bomb threats received by airlines over the past few days, sources said.

The sources added that the Union ministry of electronics and IT castigated X for its handling of hoax bomb threats to domestic and international flights in recent days as many of these hoaxes were circulated through its platform. The ministry also questioned X representatives on the steps taken to stop such alarming rumours from spreading.

The joint secretary in the ministry, Sanket S. Bhondve, had on Tuesday evening held a virtual discussion involving representatives from various airlines and social media companies, including X and Meta.

Over the past eight days, more than 150 flights have received fake threats, causing widespread disruption and security concerns and leading to the diversion of several domestic and international flights. The affected airlines include Akasa, Air India, IndiGo and Vistara, operating from Delhi to various destinations.

In response to the threats, the airlines have adhered to established protocols by notifying authorities and following security measures.

The sources said that the government admonished X for its role in the situation, stating that its actions amount to "abetting the crime". Security agencies, including Delhi police, have failed to obtain user IDs or domain details of X accounts involved in posting hoax threat messages.



Security personnel keep vigil after a flight made an emergency landing at Jodhpur airport on Sunday following a bomb threat. (PTI picture)

A preliminary probe revealed that most of the social media accounts that issued the threats were found to be operating from outside India.

A home ministry official said cyber security agencies, along with other security agencies, had suspended or blocked over 10 social media handles, mostly on X, since Monday. They are working to track down the primary email registration and geographical locations of these threat-issuing handles.

Sources said the government was planning legislative actions, including placing the perpetrators on the no-fly list and considering amendments to the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Civil Aviation Act, aiming to allow legal action for offences committed while an aircraft is on the ground. Current regulations primarily address in-flight incidents.

The home ministry has directed the civil aviation minister, CISE, Bureau of Civil Aviation, National Investigation Agency and the Intelligence Bureau to submit a detailed report on the spurt of

hoax bomb threats that have been received over the past few days.

Mumbai police have taken a 17-year-old boy into custody for issuing threats to four flights, including three on international routes. A preliminary probe revealed that the teenager wanted to frame one of his friends with whom he had had a dispute over money. Over a dozen FIRs have been registered by the Mumbai police and their counterparts in Delhi in connection with the threats.

On Monday, Union home secretary Govind Mohan convened a meeting with senior aviation security officers over the surge of bomb hoax threats to several airlines. The government has said law enforcement agencies are actively pursuing all cases of bomb threats against airlines and are closely monitoring the situation.

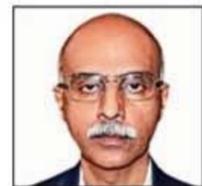
Speaking to reporters on Monday, civil aviation minister K. Rammohan Naidu said the government was taking the matter seriously and working to prevent such incidents in the future.

‘Networked X-ray machines for baggage checks are the best answer to hoax bomb threats’

The ongoing deluge of threats to airlines is unprecedented. Ex-IPS officer MA Ganapathy, who headed NSG, BCAS & airport sector of CISF, tells Saurabh Sinha tech solutions that can isolate and play back images of flight baggage for review will minimise flight diversions when faced with such threats. But this would entail networking of X-ray machines across agencies, uniform screening standards and central oversight of airport security operations, he points out.

● Have we ever seen such a surge in threats to flights in the past?

Centre and agencies are doing everything necessary to identify those behind these hoax bomb threats and bring them to book. I don't want to speculate on their identity. In terms of sheer numbers of threats and their happening for days on end, the current phase is unprecedented.



Q&A

● Given the number of threats being issued daily, what is the change in protocol required to maintain safety and minimise disruptions?

All necessary protocols are already in place to deal with a real bomb threat scenario. Passengers are security checked. Cabin baggage is screened. And checked-in baggage goes through in-line baggage checking system/or is checked by airlines. Cargo that passenger planes carry sometimes is screened in the cargo hold.

So, the only way a bomb or an IED can enter a passenger aircraft is due to human error while screening/frisking or a possible insider nexus.

All agencies concerned in the aviation security ecosystem are alive to these possibilities and maintain required safeguards. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) conduct mock drills and dummy checks regularly to test alertness.

Please note that since the threats started, aviation authorities have diverted only a handful of aircraft for ground checks, in spite of the large number of hoax

calls. This is important given the coverage of the ongoing situation. Every effort seems to have been made to minimise inconvenience to travellers because of the flurry of hoax calls.

● Should every enroute flight receiving such a threat immediately land at the nearest airport? Or can they continue to their destination?

This is a difficult call to take, but, in my opinion, repeated calls in the same or similar language from the same source should be deemed “non-specific” threats and



be ignored. It's learnt that the aviation security regulator, BCAS, has already amended the rules in this regard, though they cannot be discussed in a public forum.

There is also a potential tech solution to aid better decision-making when faced with such threats. At present, the X-ray machines that screen baggage have limited data retrieval and storage capacity. They are also not networked with each other. Further, they cannot sort and store baggage data aircraft-wise.

If a system can be developed to do this, dealing with a bomb threat for any plane would become simpler. For it would only require the images of baggage in that particular aircraft to be minutely reviewed to rule out presence of explosives, without grounding the aircraft, unless there are other compelling circumstances. But this would entail networking of X-ray machines across agencies, uniform standards of screening methodology and central oversight of day-to-day security operations of an airport.

● What is the difference between handling a specific and non-specific threat?

Whenever a threat is received for any flight, a “bomb threat assessment committee” is set up. This is headed by the airport director (of the airport where the flight is headed) and includes the chief airport security officer of that airport, who may be the senior most CISF or state police official there, BCAS and Intelligence Bureau. This committee takes a call on whether the threat is specific or non-specific. If deemed specific, the aircraft is asked to land at the nearest airport, where all passengers, baggage and the plane are thoroughly checked.

If deemed non-specific, the flight/s for which threat is perceived to have been received is allowed to proceed to the destination and checked on arrival. This is why aviation authorities have managed to keep diversions to a minimum during the ongoing phase of threats. That a large number of threat calls were made after the aircraft in question landed indicates that the person/persons making them just went through some airline portals and made random calls with the aim of disrupting airline operations.

● What is the way to stop this menace?

Quite obviously, these acts are being done to adversely impact the economic interests of the country and to create an atmosphere of insecurity. Identifying, apprehending and effectively prosecuting the offenders would be the best deterrent against the menace. ICAO and Interpol need to be a part of the efforts to apprehend the offenders, since a large number of foreign airlines also have received threat calls in the current phase from apparently the same source.

Bomb threats continue, record 80 flights targeted in one day

Warnings Of Bombs On Several Aircraft Traced To Fake Profile On X

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi/Panaji: Indian carriers were hit by a surge of bomb hoax threats Thursday, with warnings affecting more than 80 domestic and international flights through emails and social media. This marked the highest number of threats in a single day, surpassing Oct 19 when more than 40 flights were impacted.

The threats that began on Oct 14 have disrupted more than 300 flights operated by airlines such as IndiGo, Air India, Vistara, Akasa Air, and Alliance Air — leading to diversions, extensive security checks, delays, and operational challenges during the busy festive travel season.

Security agencies traced the origin of the threats to the social media platform X, where a user named Adam Lanza claimed to have planted bombs on several aircraft. Officials later confirmed the threats came from a fake profile. Authorities are working with social media companies



TURBULENT TIMES: Affected flights included 20 each from Air India, IndiGo and Vistara, 14 from Akasa Air, and five from SpiceJet

to trace those responsible for the surge in threats. With peak Diwali travel beginning this weekend, airlines and flyers are hoping for smoother operations amidst heightened security measures.

After a quieter Wednesday, airlines were bombarded again Thursday. Aircraft targeted by threats are being moved to isolation bays for thorough checks, contributing to delays throughout the day. Affected flights included 20 each from Air India, Indi-

Go, and Vistara, 14 from Akasa Air, and five from SpiceJet. Adding to the disruptions, severe cyclonic storm Dana caused flight cancellations in Odisha and Bengal.

One of the affected flights, IndiGo 6E 362, took off from Hyderabad for Goa around 11am. However, after receiving a “security-related alert”, the flight was forced to return to Hyderabad at 2pm, causing fuel wastage, delays, and passenger inconvenience. Air India reported that none of its

flights had to be diverted.

IndiGo’s spokesperson said: “All customers were safely disembarked... safety and security of our customers and crew remains paramount. We worked closely with the relevant authorities, and standard operating procedures were followed...”

Vistara said several of its flights had also been threatened. Vistara flights UK555 (Delhi-Goa) and UK589 (Hyderabad-Goa) were among those targeted. Both landed safely, and the threats were declared hoaxes. “We immediately alerted the relevant authorities and are following all security procedures as directed by them,” said a Vistara spokesperson. Thursday’s disruptions also caused a surge in passenger enquiries, with many seeking flight rebooking or status updates ahead of the Diwali travel weekend. However, airlines faced technical difficulties. Goa’s Dabolim and Mopa airports also experienced disruptions due to hoax threats.

Govt slams Meta, X for 'not aiding' bomb hoax probe

Culprits Couldn't Be Traced Due To Fake Handles

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The ministry of information technology has pulled up X and Meta over what is being seen as their "non-cooperation" regarding investigations related to a series of bomb hoaxes that has disrupted flights, frustrating govt, airlines, and travellers over the past few weeks.

The reprimand — which termed the non-cooperation of the companies virtually 'abetting the crime' — comes as the platforms were seen to be reluctant in sharing details about the user handles that sent out the fake warnings. All the handles that engaged in the mischievous messaging were found to be fake, which meant that the Delhi Police and other agencies were not able to find the real people behind them.

Sources said ministry officials, led by a top officer who handles content takedown orders related to social media companies, held a meeting with representatives of the internet giants and asked them to be "forthcoming and prompt" in providing information on the fake accounts.



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Hoax caller threatens to blow up airport

Jabalpur: An unidentified caller on Wednesday threatened to blow up the Dumna airport at Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh, which turned out to be a hoax, a police officer said.

The caller told airport authorities that a bomb was planted in an IndiGo flight and threatened to blow up the airport, Additional Superintendent of Police Anand Kaladagi told PTI. The call turned out to be a hoax.

Airports Authority of India (AAI) officials lodged an FIR against an unidentified person under section 351 (criminal intimidation) of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS), the police officer said. The cyber cell of the police is investigating the matter, he added.

Notably, in nine days, more than 170 flights operated by Indian carriers have received bomb threats, mostly through social media, that also forced the diversion of some of the international flights. PTI

"The ministry pointed out that prompt response is needed to ensure that the perpetrators and repeat offenders are identified swiftly, and nabbed," a source added.

However, the social media companies are understood to have told govt that they are ready to cooperate, but "can do so only when the requests come through the

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proper framework" mandated by law. "The home ministry and IT ministry enjoy powers to seek details under specific provisions and specific conditions. The companies had cooperated when the requests came through proper channels and under specific provisions. However, the disconnect happens when agencies that are not mandated to seek information — such as certain wings of various state govt — ask for information," a source said.

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The IT ministry has also pulled up the companies for "delays" in providing user details of the fake handles, allowing the perpetrators to go undetected. The companies have assured govt that they will hasten the process.

Festive season sees Mumbai airfares to north India spike

Times News Network

Mumbai: With the New Mumbai airport expected to begin operations in the first half of next year, the coming Diwali festive week would be the last of its kind for Mumbai, where demand for air travel far outstrips supply. Airfares are predictably up, but on flights to destinations up north such as Ranchi, Raipur, Patna and Allahabad, they are too high for families to plan last-minute trips without burning a hole in their wallets.

It is cheaper to fly from Bengaluru, Chennai or Hyderabad to Patna than from Mumbai (all non-stop flights). On Wednesday, the cheapest return ticket to travel from Mumbai to Patna during the Diwali week was priced at Rs 30,000. However, if you were to fly from Bengaluru or Chennai to Patna, the return fare is lower at Rs 22,000, and from Hyderabad, it's even lower at Rs 18,000. From Mumbai, the destinations with steep fares are mostly those up north, such as Ranchi, Raipur, Bagdogra and Lucknow. By comparison, fares on flights from Mumbai to Dubai and Singapore are cheaper at Rs 29,500 return.

While early booking was the best bet, people who haven't booked their Diwali holidays yet could look at destinations that have remained comparatively cheaper out of Mumbai, such as Goa (Rs 10,500 return fare), Chennai (Rs 10,900), Bengaluru (Rs 8,000), and Hyderabad (Rs 7,000). The catch, though, is that seats on the best flights, those that depart and arrive at convenient times, are priced higher. Then again, the cancellation charges and date change charges are lower for fares priced in the higher buckets.

Speaking about the trends observed last month during the Dussehra peak travel, a Cleartrip spokesperson said

FLIGHTS TO RANCHI COSTLIER THAN DUBAI

Cheapest fares on non-stop flights from Mumbai available on Wed for Oct 28-Nov 3 return travel (in ₹)



The top international destinations with a booking spike year-on-year for Dussehra travel were Kuala Lumpur (4.4%), Denpasar (3.9%), Tokyo (2.7%), Singapore (1.8%), and Bangkok (1.1%). About 25% of total international bookings come two weeks before the date of travel. Only about 7% of total bookings come during the week of the travel date.

Cleartrip spokesperson

On the domestic front, Goa remains a favourite for its beaches and nightlife while Kerala offers serene backwaters and cultural heritage. Westchennai Pradesh and Rajasthan draw travellers for scenic beauty and royal palaces while the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are popular for their tropical charm.

Rikant Pittie | EASEMYTRIP

that there was a significant change in airfares in the domestic market. "What we saw for Dussehra travel was that Mumbai saw an 18.4% increase, followed by Bhubaneswar and Lucknow with a 12.7% and 12.3% spike, respectively. Bengaluru saw an 11.8% hike in airfares, and New Delhi saw an 11.7% rise. Ahmedabad and Kolkata saw a price dip of 5.2% and 1.8%, respectively," said a Cleartrip spokesperson. "About 85% of domestic bookings were observed to be received within one month of travel, and around 4.6% of bookings were made three months or more before the travel date," the spokesperson added.

Rikant Pittie, co-founder of EaseMyTrip, said for the Di-

wali season this year, domestic fares out of Mumbai have seen a decrease of about 20-25%, compared with last year due to the recent reduction in fuel prices. "For Diwali 2024, the most popular advance booking period for domestic travel is 30 days, while for international travel, it has been around 40 days before the travel date," he said.

The festive travel season falls right at the beginning of the airline winter schedule from Oct 27 to March 28. Airlines will operate 25,007 weekly flights in the winter schedule, which is a rise of 3% from flights operated during the summer schedule this year, according to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation. For Mumbai airport, though, the

number of flight operations per day has been capped at under 1,000 arrivals and departures to allow for punctuality.

Early this year, the civil aviation ministry looked at punctuality records of Indian airports and found that the infrastructure-constrained Mumbai airport — it operates out of a single runway, that is — has the worst on-time performance record. The ministry curtailed flight operations to better the airport's punctuality. Currently, Mumbai airport handles an average of 950 arrivals scheduled flights and a dozen or two charter flights a day. Once the New Mumbai airport gets going and adds flights, both MMR airports together are estimated to handle average of 1,500 daily flights.

