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Land acquisition for Shillong Airport to be completed soon

NEWMAI NEWS

SHILLONG, Dec 23: The process of acquisition of additional land for the expansion of the Shillong Airport is likely to be completed within March next year.

On Sunday, Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Transport Sniawbhalang Dhar informed that 22 acres of additional land is required for the implementation of the airport expansion project and the process for this purpose is progressing well.

His statement came after the Meghalaya High Court had recently passed an order directing the State govern-

ment to complete the handing over of the additional land to the Airport Authority of India (AAI) for expanding the Shillong Airport within a period of three months.

"In the meantime, there are few pockets, which belong to the defence and we will take a call after we convene a meeting soon," Dhar said.

He added, "We will try to complete the land acquisition process at the earliest possible. We will try to complete it within March, next year."

He said that the government has already completed the survey and now beneficiary landowners are being identified.



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Deadline for Nagpur airstrip

Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said on Monday that authorities would be suspended if the Nagpur airport runway recarpeting work is not completed in a month. The last runway recarpeting was done in 2013-14 through the Airports Authority of India (AAI). Gadkari inspected the Nagpur airport runway on Monday morning. Mihan India Limited (MIL) operates the Nagpur airport with AAI. MIL said the AAI has informed that the project is expected to be completed by May 2025 provided that the runway is available for eight hours on a daily basis. The MIL said in a statement that AAI issued a work order in March 2024 to M/S K G Gupta after a delay of five months. The work duration as per the AAI's tender document is 12 months, it said. The AAI started the recarpeting work in October 2024.

-FPJ News Service

MBP: 2nd int'l airport must be within 50 km from B'luru

Final location choice after consulting CM, says minister

BENGALURU, DHNS

Infrastructure Development Minister M B Patil, on Monday, said Bengaluru's second airport should be located within 50 km of the city in the best interests of its people and businesses.

He was speaking to reporters in the city. To a question on whether the government had plans to develop the state's second international airport in North Karnataka, Patil said, "District airports in Tumakuru, Vijayapura, Hubballi or Belagavi

are different. We're talking about an airport that should help Bengaluru. The issue here is about having a second airport in Bengaluru as Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) will reach its maximum limit of handling 100 million passengers per year by 2033-35. The city will need another

airport to handle more passengers."

The government's agreement with Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), which prevents another airport from being built within a 150-km radius of KIA, comes to an end in 2033, Patil said.

Proposal to AAI soon

The infrastructure development department had examined the pros and cons of building a second airport and a proposal in this regard would soon be sent to the Airports Authority of India (AAI), to ensure that the second airport became functional by 2035, the minister said.

When asked where the second airport would come up, he said that the department had identified four or five places, but the final choice would be announced only after discussing with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.



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महाकुंभ में प्रयागराज एयरपोर्ट पर 24 घंटे होगा विमानों का आवागमन

जागरण संवाददाता, प्रयागराज

प्रयागराज एयरपोर्ट पर पहली बार विमानों के रात्रिकालीन संचालन की सुविधा शुरू होने जा रही है। इसके लिए एटीसी (एयर ट्राफिक कंट्रोल) ने सहमति दे दी है। प्रयागराज एयरपोर्ट पर महाकुंभ के दौरान 24 घंटे विमानों का आवागमन हो सकेगा। एटीसी वायु सेना के पास है और अभी तक सिर्फ दिन में ही प्रयागराज एयरपोर्ट पर यात्री विमानों का आवागमन होता है। महाकुंभ के दौरान 23 से अधिक शहरों के लिए विमानों का संचालन होना है, जबकि प्रतिदिन विमानों की संख्या व फेरे 60 से अधिक होंगे। एयरपोर्ट की हवाई पट्टी पर कैट टू लाइट भी इंस्टाल हो चुकी है। ऐसे में रात अथवा कोहरे में भी विमानों का संचालन आराम से हो सकेगा। अभी तक चार विमानन कंपनियों ने अपने विमानों की समय सारिणी जारी की है। इसमें स्पाइस जेट ने अहमदाबाद, मुंबई, बेंगलुरु, दिल्ली के लिए बुकिंग शुरू करा दी है। इंडिगो दिल्ली, बेंगलुरु,

60 से अधिक विमानों की एक दिन में उड़ान, 20 शहरों से शुरू हो गई उड़ानों की बुकिंग



कोलकाता, भुवनेश्वर, हैदराबाद, रायपुर, लखनऊ, पुणे, अहमदाबाद, भोपाल, नागपुर, चेन्नई शहर के लिए उड़ान उपलब्ध करा रही है। एलाईंस एयर की ओर से कोलकाता, गुवाहाटी, दिल्ली, जयपुर, जबलपुर, भुवनेश्वर, चंडीगढ़ व देहरादून, बिलासपुर की उड़ानें उपलब्ध होंगी और टिकट अब आनलाइन बुक किया जा सकता है।

हर दिन उड़ान का प्रस्ताव

महाकुंभ में दिल्ली, मुंबई, बेंगलुरु, कोलकाता, भुवनेश्वर, हैदराबाद, रायपुर, लखनऊ, अहमदाबाद, गुवाहाटी, जयपुर, जबलपुर, चंडीगढ़ व देहरादून, बिलासपुर, पुणे, भोपाल, नागपुर, चेन्नई, इंदौर, गोवा, अमृतसर, पटना, जम्मू, अयोध्या, गोरखपुर से हर दिन उड़ान का प्रस्ताव तैयार किया गया है। उड़्डयन मंत्री किजरापु राममोहन नाथू ने स्पष्ट निर्देश दिए हैं कि जो भी विमानन कंपनियां महाकुंभ के दौरान उड़ान का प्रस्ताव देती हैं, उन्हें स्वीकृति देने में पिलंब न हो।

10 से बढ़ जाएंगी उड़ानें

अभी सिर्फ आठ ही शहरों के लिए उड़ानें उपलब्ध हैं। इसमें दिल्ली, मुंबई, बेंगलुरु, बिलासपुर, हैदराबाद, रायपुर, लखनऊ और भुवनेश्वर के लिए विमानों का आवागमन है। 10 जनवरी से उड़ानों की संख्या लगभग तीन गुना हो जाएगी।



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More planes, flights, airports to brighten Indian aviation in 2025

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NEW DELHI

The trails of mega-mergers, tailwinds of expanding fleets, flights and airports will dot the fast-growing Indian aviation firmament in 2025, though the dark clouds of supply chain woes will persist longer.

Also, new airline takeoffs, the future trajectory of revised norms to tackle pilot fatigue and efforts to reduce carbon emissions will be on the radar.

And in 2024, two airlines flew into the sunset, one airline is on a liquidation taxiway, aircraft orders climbed, single-day domestic air pas-



senger traffic soared past record 5 lakh at least twice, and airfare movements continued to raise concerns. Not to leave out 999 hoax bomb calls received by airlines till November 14 this year.

The aviation sector had its share of accidents in the form of a few trainer aircraft crashes and a roof collapse

incident at Terminal 1 of the Delhi airport that killed one person.

For the "fascinating" Indian market, where the domestic air traffic is projected to jump to 164-170 million this fiscal ending March 2025, the larger long-term focus will be on increasing wide-body aircraft, providing more direct overseas flight connectivity and making the country a global aviation hub.

In the words of Akasa Air's chief Vinay Dube, prospects are exceptional for the Indian aviation market, and IATA chief Willie Walsh is of the view that there is a massive opportunity for Indian airlines.



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विमान के ट्रायल रन की रिपोर्ट डीजीसीए को भेजी



ग्रेटर नोएडा, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के रनवे पर नौ दिसंबर को कॉमर्शियल विमान की सफल लैंडिंग हुई थी। वैलिडेशन फ्लाइट का डाटा नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) को भेज दिया गया है।

यापल की ओर से अब एयरोड्रोम लाइसेंस के लिए आवेदन किया

जाएगा। इंडिगो एयरलाइंस के एयरबस ए-320 कॉमर्शियल विमान वीटी-आईएफआई ने नौ दिसंबर को रनवे पर पहली लैंडिंग की थी। विमान ने करीब 25 मिनट तक हवा में आईएलएस और अन्य उपकरणों की जांच की और एयर ट्रेफिक कंट्रोलर से समन्वय स्थापित किया। इसका पूरा रिकॉर्ड तैयार कर डीजीसीए को भेज दिया गया है। संभावना है कि रिपोर्ट के आधार पर मार्च तक कॉमर्शियल फ्लाइट का प्रमाणीकरण प्राप्त हो जाएगा। अधिकारियों का दावा है कि वैलिडेशन फ्लाइट का एक बार में सफल होना बड़ी बात है।



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हवाई अड्डे पर खुली किफायती कैटीन



प. बंगाल

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। देश के कोलकाता हवाई अड्डे पर पहली किफायती कैटीन खोली गई है, जहां यात्री कम दामों पर खाने-पीने की वस्तुएं खरीद सकेंगे। यहां यात्रियों को 10 रुपये में चाय और 20 रुपये में समोसा मिलेगा।

दरअसल, पिछले दिनों संसद में आप सांसद राघव चड्ढा ने भारतीय हवाई अड्डे पर खाने-पीने की चीजों की बढ़ती कीमतों पर चिंता जताई थी। इसमें उन्होंने 250 रुपये की चाय और 350 रुपये मिलने वाले समोसा का जिक्र किया था। इसी को देखते हुए किफायती

10 रुपये में चाय मिलेगी
किफायती कैटीन में

20 रुपये में ले सकेंगे
समोसे का स्वाद

- आप सांसद राघव चड्ढा ने इंस्टा पर शेयर की जानकारी
- जल्द ही देशभर के हवाई अड्डों पर ऐसी कैटीन खोली जाएगी

कैटीन खोलने की पहल की गई।

मंगलवार को इंस्टाग्राम पर सांसद राघव ने एक वीडियो शेयर किया, जिसमें कहा कि कोलकाता हवाई अड्डे पर पहली किफायती कैटीन खोली गई है। जल्द ही देशभर के हवाई अड्डों पर ऐसी कैटीन खोली जाएगी। उन्होंने कहा, हमने अपनी आवाज सुलंद कर दी है। वीडियो में बताया कि इन कैटीन में हवाई यात्री कम दामों पर खाना खरीद

सकेंगे। बता दें, राज्यसभा में भारतीय वायुयान विधेयक पर चर्चा के दौरान चड्ढा ने यात्रियों के सामने आने वाली कई चुनौतियों पर चिंता जताई थी। इसमें टिकट की बढ़ती कीमतें, भीड़भाड़ वाले हवाई अड्डे और एयरपोर्ट पर मिलने वाले महंगे सामान शामिल हैं। उन्होंने आम जनता के लिए हवाई यात्रा को किफायती बनाने में विफल रहने के लिए केंद्र की आलोचना की थी।

एयरपोर्ट से मिलेगा एयरस्पेस कारोबार को बढ़ावा तीसरे-चौथे चरण के लिए 14 गांवों में 2,053 हेक्टेयर कृषि भूमि के अधिग्रहण की आवश्यकता

● पांच शीर्ष हवाई जहाज बनाने वाली कंपनियों को लाना
लक्ष्य: सीईओ अरुण वीर

पायनियर समाचार सेवा | नोएडा

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के तीसरे और चौथे फेज में भूमि अधिग्रहण और विकास तेजी से होगा। करीब 300 हेक्टेयर लैंड में वैश्विक एयरस्पेस निर्माताओं के लिए ये जमीन आरक्षित की है। ऐसे में कुल 6000 हेक्टेयर में फैले विमानन केंद्र में एक इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के साथ कार्गो सुविधा और एक एयरस्पेस मैनुफैक्चरिंग क्लस्टर शामिल होगा।

सीईओ अरुण वीर सिंह ने बताया कि हमारा लक्ष्य कम से कम पांच शीर्ष हवाई जहाज बनाने वाली कंपनियों को यहां लाना होगा। इससे न केवल भारत के एयरस्पेस कारोबार को बढ़ावा मिलेगा, बल्कि रोजगार बढ़ेगा। सीईओ ने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि व्यापक पुनर्वास



पैकेज के साथ मुआवजे में बढ़ोतरी जो कि अब 3,100 से बढ़कर 4,300 प्रति वर्ग मीटर है। इससे जमीन सहमति के आधार लेने में आसानी होगी। यही कारण है परियोजना में तेजी आएगी। यह कदम विमानन केंद्र के विकास को तेजी से

ट्रैक करेगा, जिसमें नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, कार्गो सुविधाएं और एयरस्पेस विनिर्माण क्लस्टर को तेजी से विकसित किया जा सकेगा। एक्विजिशन हब परियोजना के तीसरे और चौथे चरण के लिए 14 गांवों में 2,053 हेक्टेयर कृषि

भूमि के अधिग्रहण की आवश्यकता है। अधिग्रहण से 42,435 भूस्वामी और उनके परिवार प्रभावित होंगे। जिनमें 15,245 महिलाएं और 10,847 नाबालिग शामिल हैं।

हवाई अड्डे के विस्तार के लिए गांवों के रास्ता साफ करने से कुल 9,361 परिवार विस्थापित होंगे। पहले चरण में भूमि अधिग्रहण ने हजारों किसानों को विस्थापित किया। पहले चरण में 1,334 हेक्टेयर भूमि का अधिग्रहण किया गया। जिससे 8,971 परिवार प्रभावित हुए। दूसरे चरण में 1,363 हेक्टेयर भूमि का अधिग्रहण हुआ। जिससे 3,800 किसान प्रभावित हुए।

एक बार तीसरे और चौथे चरण के लिए भूमि अधिग्रहण की प्रक्रिया पूरी हो जाने के बाद लम्बे और नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड एयरस्पेस क्लस्टर विकसित करने के लिए डेड लाइन तय करेंगे। सिंह ने कहा कि एयर बस इंजीनियरिंग और विनिर्माण इकाइयों के लिए नामित 750 एकड़ जमीन में से अधिकारियों को अधिग्रहण के तुरंत बाद निवेशकों को जमीन सौंपने की उम्मीद है।



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सीएम नीतीश कुमार ने 104 विकास योजनाओं की दी सौगात

रक्सौल हवाईअड्डे के लिए नहीं होगी जमीन की कमी: नीतीश



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नीतीश कुमार ने मंगलवार को पूर्वी चंपारण जिले के केसरिया के सुन्दरापुर ग्राम में बिक्रस कर्यों का जायजा लेने के बाद जिले के लिए 114.82 करोड़ रुपये की 62

योजनाओं का उद्घाटन और 86.30 करोड़ रुपये की 42 योजनाओं का शिलान्यास किया।

उन्होंने कहा कि वर्तमान में केंद्र सरकार रक्सौल हवाईअड्डे के विकास का काम कर रही है। इसका और विस्तार होना चाहिए। इसके लिए जितनी भी जमीन की आवश्यकता होगी राज्य सरकार उसे उपलब्ध कराएगी। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि लालबकेया नदी पर बलुमा गुमाबारी के सामने आरसीसी पुल का निर्माण किया जाएगा। नीतीश कुमार ने यात्रा के दौरान मुझे मजुराहा जाने का मौका मिला। वहां पर धनौती नदी पर पुल बनाने की बात लोगों ने कही है। मुझे स्थल भ्रमण से स्पष्ट दिखा है कि यदि वहां पुल बनाया जाता है

तो लोगों को कोटवा जाने में सुविधा होगी। मैंने पथ निर्माण विभाग के पदाधिकारियों को निर्देश दिया है कि मोतिहारी शहर को सीधे कोटवा से जोड़ने के लिए धनौती नदी पर पुल का निर्माण कराएं।

उन्होंने कहा कि अरेराज में श्री सामेश्वरनाथ मंदिर अवस्थित है जो पौराणिक महत्व का है। मुझे भी मंदिर जाने का अवसर मिला है। यहां बड़ी संख्या में श्रद्धालु आते हैं जिनके लिए मंदिर परिसर में और सुविधाओं की आवश्यकता है तथा आने का रास्ता भी संकरा है। मैंने पर्यटन विभाग एवं पथ निर्माण विभाग के पदाधिकारियों को निर्देश दिया है कि मंदिर परिसर का विकास एवं मंदिर पहुंचने के लिए सुगम सम्पर्क पथ का निर्माण शीघ्र कराएं।



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RASHTRIYA SAHARA

DELHI

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घरेलू मार्गों पर हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या 12 फीसद बढ़ी

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

भारतीय एयरलाइन कंपनियों ने नवंबर में घरेलू मार्गों पर 1.42 करोड़ यात्रियों को यात्री कराई। यह एक साल पहले की समान अवधि की तुलना में यह करीब 11.90 प्रतिशत अधिक है।

डीजीसीए के अनुसार, घरेलू बाजार में हिस्सेदारी के मामले में इंडिगो शीर्ष पर रही। उसकी हिस्सेदारी 63.6% रही। इसके बाद एयर इंडिया 24.4%, अकासा एयर 4.7% और स्पाइसजेट 3.1% का स्थान रहा। इन सभी एयरलाइंस की बाजार हिस्सेदारी में वृद्धि हुई है जबकि नवंबर में अलायंस एयर की हिस्सेदारी 0.7 प्रतिशत पर स्थिर रही।



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

CHENNAI

24 DECEMBER 2024

Hydroponic ganja worth ₹3.6 crore seized at airport

Chennai: Customs on Saturday arrested a man for smuggling hydroponic ganja worth ₹3.6 crore from Thailand.

Based on the intelligence shared by the directorate of revenue intelligence (DRI), customs officers intercepted the passenger and searched his check-in luggage.

Several packets containing a lumpy greenish substance were recovered.

After the substance tested positive for cannabis, the drug was seized and the passenger was arrested.

This is the third seizure of hydroponic ganja at Chennai airport in a span of 30 days. On Dec 16, a man was arrested for smuggling 7.6kg of hydroponic ganja. On Nov 21, a woman was arrested for smuggling 2.8kg of hydroponic ganja of various hybrid varieties from Thailand. TNN



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

MUMBAI

24 DECEMBER 2024

Having pre-paid autos at airport could curb fleecing, say activists

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The incident of a 19-year-old student who had landed in the city from the United States being fleeced by an autorickshaw driver at the airport is yet another eye-opener. Many autorickshaw drivers are increasingly a menace, especially at the airport, BKC, and near major railway stations, say activists, alleging that not enough is being done by the authorities. At many places, there is hardly any visibility of the police, they allege, and rogue drivers go scot-free.

Advocate Godfrey Pimenta, a passenger rights activist, said: "At airports, there are no proper autorickshaw fares displayed for those arriving by flights daily. Also, unlike taxis which have pre-paid stands, and fares are fixed

in advance, an auto driver can demand inflated fares."

Pimenta alleged there is hardly any presence of police and RTO at airports, railway stations like Bandra Terminus and LTT, and in Bandra-Kurla complex where drivers fleece passengers.

Activists have now pushed for prepaid auto stands at the airport. "There is a cartel of drivers, and if someone flees a commuter and gets a hefty fare, it's his earning for the day," said activist Anil Galgali, who in the past wrote several petitions to the police and RTO, but in vain.

Traffic police, however, said they have been cracking down on errant auto drivers. Between Jan 1 and Dec 22, traffic police issued 7.08 lakh challans to errant auto drivers, with fines running

up to Rs 26.8 crore. "If we receive a complaint, we certainly act on it," said a senior traffic police officer. "We also send a dummy passenger to the airport and at railway termini to identify and intercept auto drivers fleecing commuters."

An Andheri RTO official said a squad will watch outside stations and commercial districts. **Here's how you can lodge a complaint against autorickshaw drivers.** For Andheri RTO, WhatsApp complaint on 9920240202 or email mh02autotaxicomplaint@gmail.com. For Borivli, WhatsApp on 8591944747 or email mh47autotaxicomplaint@gmail.com. For eastern suburbs, WhatsApp on 9152240003 or email. For Wadala RTO mail mh03autotaxicomplaint@gmail.com.



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AMAR UJALA

DELHI

25 DECEMBER 2024

विमानों की देरी से नवंबर में 2.24 लाख यात्री परेशान, ग्राहकों को मिला 2.9 करोड़ मुआवजा

नई दिल्ली। घरेलू बाजार में विमानन कंपनियों की देरी से नवंबर, 2024 में 2.24 लाख यात्रियों को दिक्कतों का सामना करना पड़ा। इसके एवज में कंपनियों ने ग्राहकों को मुआवजे के रूप में 2.9 करोड़ का भुगतान किया।

नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) के मुताबिक, समय पर आवागमन करने में 74.5 फीसदी के साथ विमानन कंपनी इंडिगो शीर्ष पर रही है। अकासा के 66.4 फीसदी और स्पाइसजेट के 62.5 फीसदी विमानों ने समय पर उड़ान भरी। यात्रियों से

1.42 करोड़ लोगों ने की हवाई यात्रा, इंडिगो शीर्ष पर



नवंबर में 1.42 करोड़ लोगों ने हवाई यात्रा की है। एक साल पहले की समान अवधि के 1.27 करोड़ की तुलना में यह 12 फीसदी अधिक है। 63.6 फीसदी बाजार हिस्सेदारी के साथ इंडिगो शीर्ष पर है। एअर इंडिया की 24.4 फीसदी, अकासा

की 4.7 फीसदी और स्पाइसजेट की 3.1 फीसदी हिस्सेदारी रही। इस साल जनवरी से नवंबर के बीच कुल 14.64 करोड़ लोगों ने हवाई यात्रा की।

संबंधित 624 शिकायतें विमानन कंपनियों को नवंबर में मिली थीं। 3,539 यात्रियों को विमान में बैठने से मना कर दिया गया। इसके एवज

में कंपनियों ने ग्राहकों को 2.84 करोड़ का मुआवजा दिया। विमानों के रद्द होने की वजह से 27,577 यात्री प्रभावित हुए थे। एजेसी



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AMAR UJALA

DELHI

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डीजीसीए ने अकासा एयर पर लगाया 10 लाख का जुर्माना



मुंबई। बंगलूरु हवाईअड्डे पर यात्रियों को छोड़कर उड़ान भरने पर विमानन नियामक डीजीसीए ने अकासा एयर पर 10 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया है। कंपनी पर यात्रियों को उचित समय पर मुआवजा भी नहीं देने का आरोप है। सूत्रों ने बताया कि हाल के महीनों में, एयरलाइन कुछ नियमों के उल्लंघन के लिए नियामकीय जांच के दायरे में आई है। इस महीने की शुरुआत में कुछ पायलटों ने भी एयरलाइन पर प्रशिक्षण के बारे में चिंता व्यक्त की थी। हालांकि, कंपनी ने आरोपों को निराधार बताया था। एजेंसी



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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

25 DECEMBER 2024

Akasa Air fined ₹10 lakh for denying compensation



Mumbai: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has fined Akasa Air ₹10 lakh for not compensating seven passengers denied boarding on a Bengaluru-Pune flight on September 6. The action follows a routine surveillance inspection, which revealed service deficiency and violation of rules by the airline. OUR BUREAU

'Domestic air cargo to grow at 6.9% per year'

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

Rapid growth of the e-commerce sector is expected to boost India's domestic air cargo industry with a growth forecast of 6.9 per cent per year over the next two decades, said Boeing India and South Asia President Salil Gupte.

He told *businessline*, "The growth is driven by various factors, including the overall growth of the Indian economy and increased demand for air cargo transportation."

Besides, he pointed out that the expansion of India's e-commerce sector is contributing to the demand for "efficient and reliable" logistics and transportation solutions.

"This has led to the entry of cargo carriers into the Indian market that are operating a range of freighters, including the '737-800 Boeing Converted Freighter (BCF)', to cater to the growing air cargo services demand," Gupte said.

Furthermore, government reforms like the nationwide GST have bolstered air freight demand by simplifying goods movement.



The rise of high-end electronics manufacturing in India... is creating opportunities

SALIL GUPTÉ
President, India and South Asia,
Boeing

Accordingly, India's dedicated freighter fleet has nearly tripled over the past six years, from a fleet size of six 757 freighters in 2017 to 18 freighters, including the 737-800BCF, in 2024.

GOVT'S STATED GOAL

"We expect to see continued growth and activity to meet the Indian government's stated goal of transporting 10 million metric tonnes of air freight in 2030, including the eventual need for larger, widebody freighters like the Boeing 777 freighter and 777-8 freighter," he said.

Talking about the aerospace major's BCF (passenger jet to freighter conversion business), he cited approximately half of the global demand for conversions is expected to come



from the regions of Asia and Africa, including India.

"This is driven by the rapid expansion of e-commerce and the electronics manufacturing industry, which has revolutionised customer expectations and supply chain needs," he said.

In 2023, Boeing partnered with GMR Aero Technic to establish a Boeing Converted Freighter line in Hyderabad.

The collaboration added to Boeing's investments to support the growth of cargo and help expand complex aircraft modification capabilities and Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) in India.

"Our partnership with GMR Aero Technic supports the anticipated growth of the cargo sector in the region,"

added Gupte. On the global e-commerce revenues, Gupte said, that they are projected to reach more than double the pre-pandemic levels by 2026, relying heavily on air cargo in emerging markets without well-established ground and postal networks.

"The rise of high-end electronics manufacturing in India, such as smartphones and wearables, along with other high-value-added manufacturing, like semiconductors, is creating opportunities for air cargo growth in the future," he said.

BOOMING PHARMA

According to Boeing's World Air Cargo Forecast released in November, the aircraft manufacturer projects India's air cargo volume to quadruple over the next 20 years, with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) reaching seven per cent.

As per the forecast report, India's air cargo market is set to play a key role in the country's economic growth.

With booming pharmaceutical exports, fast-growing e-commerce, and expanding manufacturing, air cargo is expected to grow fourfold in the next 20 years.



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BUSINESS STANDARD

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घरेलू मार्गों पर हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या बढ़ी

हवाई यातायात की बढ़ती मांग के बीच भारतीय एयरलाइन कंपनियों ने नवंबर में घरेलू मार्गों पर 1.42 करोड़ यात्रियों को यात्रा कराई। यह एक साल पहले की समान अवधि की तुलना में यह करीब 11.90 प्रतिशत अधिक है। नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, घरेलू बाजार में हिस्सेदारी के मामले में इंडिगो शीर्ष पर रही। उसकी बाजार हिस्सेदारी 63.6 प्रतिशत रही। इसके बाद एयर इंडिया (24.4 प्रतिशत), अकासा एयर (4.7 प्रतिशत) और स्पाइसजेट (3.1 प्रतिशत) का स्थान रहा। इन सभी एयरलाइंस की बाजार हिस्सेदारी में वृद्धि हुई है जबकि नवंबर में अलायंस एयर की हिस्सेदारी 0.7 प्रतिशत पर स्थिर रही।

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अकासा एयर पर लगा 10 लाख रु का जुर्माना

दीपक पटेल और एजेसी
नई दिल्ली, 24 दिसंबर

नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने 6 सितंबर को बेंगलूरु-पुणे उड़ान में सात यात्रियों को चढ़ने नहीं देने और अनिवार्य मुआवजा देने में विफल रहने पर अकासा एयर पर 10 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया है। विनियामक के साथ विमानन कंपनी का यह पहला विवाद नहीं है। अक्टूबर में विनियामक ने पायलट प्रशिक्षण में चूक के मामले में अकासा एयर पर 30 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया था।

इस महीने की शुरुआत में डीजीसीए ने अकासा एयर को दो कारण बताओ नोटिस जारी किए थे। पहला नोटिस विमानन कंपनी के अपने उड़ान संचालन निदेशक द्वारा छह महीने की अनिवार्य अवधि के भीतर संचालन मैनुअल को संशोधित करने में विफल रहने के मामले में दिया गया था। दूसरा नोटिस अगस्त

में बेंगलूरु हवाई अड्डे पर जांच के बाद जारी किया गया था, जिसमें विमान के 'खराब रखरखाव मानकों' और 'चूक' का पता चला था।

डीजीसीए की नवीनतम कार्रवाई उन सात यात्रियों को विमान में सवार नहीं होने देने से संबंधित है। उन यात्रियों ने 6 सितंबर को बेंगलूरु से पुणे के लिए टिकट लिया था। जिस विमान को उड़ान भरनी थी, उसे किसी बाहरी वस्तु से नुकसान पहुंचान से रोक दिया गया था। उसके बदले जो विमान आया उसमें नौ सीटें बैठने लायक नहीं थीं, इसलिए सात यात्रियों को सफर करने से रोक दिया गया था।

बाद में, यात्रियों को रात 10.40 बजे के निर्धारित प्रस्थान समय के साथ इंडिगो की उड़ान में ले जाया गया। यह उड़ान समय वास्तविक अकासा उड़ान के निर्धारित प्रस्थान समय से एक घंटे से अधिक था। सूत्र ने कहा कि यात्रियों को कोई मुआवजा नहीं दिया गया जो डीजीसीए मानदंडों के खिलाफ था।

दो दिन में 7 फीसदी चढ़ा इंडिगो का शेयर

बीएस संवाददाता
मुंबई, 24 दिसंबर

विमानन कंपनी इंडिगो के शेयर ने मंगलवार को फिर से उड़ान भरी और यह दिन के कारोबार में 5.12 प्रतिशत तक चढ़कर 4,668.24 रुपये पर पहुंच गया। पिछले दो कारोबारी सत्रों के दौरान इस शेयर में 7 प्रतिशत से ज्यादा की तेजी आई है।

यह शेयर आखिर में 3.78 फीसदी की बढ़त के साथ 4,608.45 रुपये पर बंद हुआ जबकि सेंसेक्स 0.09 प्रतिशत कमजोरी के साथ 78,472.87 पर बंद हुआ। बीएसई-100 सूचकांक भी 0.08 फीसदी गिरकर 25,137.89 पर बंद हुआ।

इंडिगो के शेयर में तेजी घरेलू ब्रोकरेज इलारा कैपिटल के रेटिंग



अपग्रेड करने के बाद आई। ब्रोकरेज फर्म ने इस शेयर के लिए अपनी रेटिंग

‘बेचें’ से बदलकर ‘खरीदें’ कर दी है और इसका कीमत लक्ष्य भी 3,847 रुपये से बढ़ाकर 5,309 रुपये कर दिया है जो 21 फीसदी तेजी का संकेत है।

इलारा कैपिटल के गगन दीक्षित ने कहा, ‘हमने वित्त वर्ष 2025/26/27 की अनुमानित प्रति शेयर आय (ईपीएस) बढ़ाकर 2 प्रतिशत/27 प्रतिशत/15 प्रतिशत

कर दी है और वित्त वर्ष 27 का ईवी/एबिटा आधारित कीमत लक्ष्य 3,847 रुपये से बढ़ाकर 5,309 रुपये किया है।’

इंडिगो शेयर अपग्रेड के लिए इलारा कैपिटल ने कई अन्य कारकों पर भी ध्यान दिया है। इनमें प्रमुख हवाई अड्डों पर विस्तार कार्य, हवाई अड्डों की क्षमता में वृद्धि, मांग पूरी करने के लिए बड़े ऑर्डर, अंतर-राष्ट्रीय हवाई यातायात में भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों की बढ़ती भागीदारी मुख्य रूप से शामिल हैं।

DGCA slaps ₹10 lakh fine on Akasa Air

DEEPAK PATEL

New Delhi, 24 December

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has fined Akasa Air ₹10 lakh for denying boarding to seven passengers on its Bengaluru-Pune flight on September 6 and failing to provide the mandatory compensation.

This is not the airline's first run-in with the regulator. In October, the regulator imposed a ₹30 lakh fine on Akasa Air for lapses in pilot training. Earlier this month, the DGCA issued two showcause notices to Akasa Air. The first was for the airline's failure to ensure its director of flight operations revised the operations manual within the mandatory six-month period. The second notice was issued after a spot check at Bengaluru airport in August revealed "poor aircraft maintenance standards" and "lapses."

In an order issued December 23, the DGCA

detailed the incident that occurred at Bengaluru airport on September 6. An Akasa Air Bengaluru-Pune flight, scheduled for an 8:50 pm departure, faced issues when the original aircraft was grounded due to "foreign object" damage.

The replacement aircraft had nine non-operational seats, leading to seven passengers being denied boarding. These passengers were transferred to an IndiGo flight departing at 11:40 pm, more than one hour after their original scheduled departure.

According to DGCA regulations, when passengers are denied boarding and not accommodated within one hour of the scheduled departure, airlines must pay compensation equal to 200 per cent of the booked one-way basic fare plus fuel charge, capped at ₹10,000, if an alternate flight is arranged within 24

hours. The seven passengers were eligible for this compensation. However, Akasa Air did not compensate these passengers.

When the DGCA raised a deficiency reporting form (DRF) asking the airline to take "corrective" action, Akasa Air claimed the boarding denial was "due to reasons beyond the control of the airline." The DGCA closed the DRF and issued a show-cause notice. The airline, fearing penalty, then began collecting passengers' bank details for compensation.

"It is viewed that corrective action was initiated by Akasa Air only after the issuance of the show-cause notice by this office, which the airline would (should) have done before the closure of the DRF..The above act/omission of Akasa Air amounts to the contravention of the provisions of DGCA regulations," it added.



American Airlines grounds flights for an hour on Xmas Eve

REUTERS

24 December

American Airlines on Tuesday lifted an hour-long ground stop of all its flights in the US due to an unspecified technical issue, the federal aviation regulator said, briefly disrupting Christmas travel for thousands of passengers.

It is the latest technical snag to hit the industry after carriers were hit by a global tech outage tied to Microsoft's Azure cloud platform and a software issue at cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike earlier this year. The outage cost Delta Air Lines at least \$500 million.

Two years ago, Southwest Airlines experienced a meltdown with its systems during the holidays that led to 16,900 flight cancellations and stranded 2 million passengers. It was eventually fined \$140 million in the largest-ever civil penalty for a travel disruption.

"A technical issue is affecting American flights this morning. Our teams are working to resolve the issue



The ground stop, ahead of the busy Christmas travel, had threatened the holiday plans of thousands

as quickly as possible, and we apologise to our customers for the inconvenience," American Airlines had said in a statement following the ground stop.

The US Federal Aviation Administration in a statement referred *Reuters* to the airline, reiterating that the carrier had reported a technical issue.

American operates thousands of flights per day to more than 350 destinations in more than 60 countries.

ऐतिहासिक नवंबर • बीते माह 1 दिन में 5 लाख से ज्यादा लोगों ने की यात्रा, लेकिन अधिकतम 74.5% फ्लाइट ही समय पर पहली बार 1 महीने में 1.4 करोड़ घरेलू हवाई यात्री

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देश के एविएशन सेक्टर ने नवंबर में कई रिकॉर्ड बनाए। बीते महीने घरेलू मार्गों पर हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या सालाना 12% बढ़कर 1.42 करोड़ हो गई। यह अब तक किसी भी एक महीने में देश में सर्वाधिक हवाई यात्रियों का रिकॉर्ड है।

बीते माह एक दिन में सबसे ज्यादा घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों का रिकॉर्ड भी बना। 17 नवंबर को 5.05 लाख लोगों ने देश के भीतर हवाई

यात्रा की। इंडिगो और एअर इंडिया ने यात्री संख्या के नए रिकॉर्ड भी बनाए। विमानन नियामक डीजीसीए के मुताबिक, अक्टूबर में सालाना 5.3% बढ़ोतरी के साथ घरेलू मार्गों पर हवाई यात्री 1.36 करोड़ हो गए। अमेरिकी ब्रोकरेज फर्म जेफरीज के मुताबिक, नवंबर में इंडिगो का पैसेंजर लोड फैक्टर 90% रहा। यह 5 वर्षों में इसका दूसरा सबसे बेहतरीन नवंबर महीना रहा। दिसंबर में अब तक इसका पैसेंजर लोड फैक्टर 92% के आसपास रहा है।

घरेलू मार्गों पर इंडिगो की बाजार हिस्सेदारी अब 64%

एयरलाइंस	मार्केट शेयर
इंडिगो	63.6%
एअर इंडिया	27.3%
अकासा	4.7%
स्पाइसजेट	3.1%



• घरेलू ट्राफिक में देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइंस इंडिगो की हिस्सेदारी सबसे ज्यादा 63.6% रही। वहीं, एअर इंडिया की 27.3%, अकासा की 4.7% और स्पाइसजेट की करीब 3.1 फीसदी रही।

• इंडिगो से नवंबर में रिकॉर्ड 1 करोड़ से ज्यादा यात्रियों ने सफर किया। इसमें 90.7 लाख घरेलू यात्री रहे। एअर इंडिया, एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस से 34.70 लाख लोगों ने यात्रा की।

बीते 11 महीनों में 13.82 करोड़ घरेलू हवाई यात्री

• जनवरी-नवंबर, 2024 के दौरान घरेलू यात्रियों की संख्या 6% बढ़कर 14.64 करोड़ हो गई।
• नवंबर इंडिगो का ऑन टाइम परफॉर्मंस 74.5%, अकासा का 66.4%, स्पाइसजेट का 62.5%, और एअर इंडिया का 58.8% रहा।
• देरी के चलते 2.25 लाख यात्री प्रभावित हुए। 27,577 यात्री उड़ान रद्द होने से भी प्रभावित हुए।



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एविएशन में नई क्रांति की तस्वीर... अब हाइब्रिड इंजन से उड़ेगा एयरक्राफ्ट, एयरबस को मिली शुरुआती सफलता



पेरिस | विमान निर्माता एयरबस, दाहेर और सफ्रान ने मिलकर अपना इकोपल्स प्रोजेक्ट सफलतापूर्वक पूरा कर लिया है। इसके तहत हाइब्रिड इंजन से चलने वाले एयरक्राफ्ट का सफल परीक्षण और 100 घंटे की फ्लाइट पूरी की गई। इकोपल्स एयरक्राफ्ट में इलेक्ट्रिक मोटर का इस्तेमाल इंजन स्टार्ट करने में होगा, जबकि कम्बशन इंजन टेकऑफ और जहाज उड़ाने में मदद करेगा। इसमें 800 वोल्ट की बैटरी लगी है जो 350 किलोवाट की ताकत देती है।



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क्रेडिट रेटिंग एजेंसी आईसीआरए ने अनुमानित रिपोर्ट की जारी

भारत में घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या 6.1 प्रतिशत बढ़ने का अनुमान

नई दिल्ली, 24 दिसम्बर (एजेंसियां)। भारत में घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या नवंबर महीने में 6.1 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 144.9 लाख होने की उम्मीद है, जबकि अक्टूबर में यह संख्या 136.6 लाख थी। मंगलवार को जारी एक रिपोर्ट में यह जानकारी दी गई।

क्रेडिट रेटिंग एजेंसी आईसीआरए के अनुमान के अनुसार, नवंबर में सालाना आधार पर 13.8 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि देखी गई, जबकि नवंबर 2023 में यह 127.4 लाख थी और नवंबर 2019 में कोरोना से पहले के 129.5 लाख से 11.9 प्रतिशत अधिक है। इस वित्त वर्ष (अप्रैल-नवंबर) के आठ महीनों के दौरान घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या 1,074.9 लाख रही, जो कि पिछले वित्त वर्ष की तुलना में 6.7



प्रतिशत अधिक है और वित्त वर्ष 2020 के पहले आठ महीनों में कोरोना-पूर्व स्तर 957 लाख से 12.3 प्रतिशत अधिक है।

रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, इसके अलावा, वित्त वर्ष 2025 के पहले सात महीनों में भारतीय कैरियर के लिए अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों की संख्या 190.3 लाख रही, जो कि पिछले वित्त वर्ष की तुलना में 15.9 प्रतिशत अधिक है और कोविड-पूर्व स्तर 131 लाख से 45.4 प्रतिशत अधिक है। रिपोर्ट के

अनुसार, नवंबर 2024 में एयरलाइनों की डिप्लॉयमेंट कैपेसिटी नवंबर 2023 की तुलना में 8.6 प्रतिशत अधिक थी।

अनुमान है कि घरेलू विमानन उद्योग नवंबर 2024 में 90.4 प्रतिशत के पैसेंजर लोड फैक्टर (पीएलएफ) पर काम करेगा, जबकि नवंबर 2023 में यह 86.3 प्रतिशत और कोरोना से पहले नवंबर 2019 में 89.5 प्रतिशत था। इस साल अप्रैल से जुलाई तक एटीएफ की कीमतें सालाना आधार पर क्रमशः 3.1 प्रतिशत, 6.4 प्रतिशत, 6.7 प्रतिशत और 4.9 प्रतिशत अधिक रही। रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि अगस्त से दिसंबर तक कीमतें सालाना आधार पर क्रमशः 2.2 प्रतिशत, 17.8 प्रतिशत, 26.5 प्रतिशत, 19.6 प्रतिशत और 14.5 प्रतिशत कम रही।



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Adani Group to acquire Air Works for Rs 400 cr

NEW DELHI, PTI: Adani Group on Monday said it will acquire aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services firm Air Works for an enterprise value of Rs 400 crore.

“Adani Defence Systems & Technologies Ltd (ADSTL) has signed a share purchase agreement to acquire 85.8% shareholding in Air Works, India’s largest private sector MRO company with the largest pan-India footprint,” the conglomerate said in a statement.

With operations spanning 35 cities and a workforce of over 1,300 personnel, Air Works brings extensive expertise in servicing both fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft.

The acquisition enhances Adani’s capabilities in the defence MRO sector, solidifying its position in India’s

airborne defence ecosystem. This strategic move marks a pivotal step in Adani’s growth trajectory, laying the foundation for its expansion into the civil aviation services domain.

Air Works offers an end-to-end bouquet of aviation services spanning line maintenance, heavy checks, interior refurbishment, painting, redelivery checks, avionics as well as asset management services to its Indian and global customers.

The company undertakes base maintenance for narrow-body and turboprop aircraft, as well as rotary aircraft from its facilities at Hosur, Mumbai, and Kochi and with regulatory approvals from civil aviation authorities of more than 20 countries.

In addition to being a market leader in civil aviation, Air

Works has built significant capabilities in defence MRO, executing projects for key platforms of Indian Navy and Indian Air Force.

“The Indian aviation industry stands at a transformative juncture, now the third-largest globally and on track to induct over 1,500 aircraft in the coming years,” said Adani Airports Director Jeet Adani.

“This growth aligns seamlessly with the government’s vision to connect every corner of our nation, creating unprecedented opportunities in aviation services.

“For us, creating a presence in the MRO sector is more than just a strategic step – it’s a commitment to building an integrated aviation services ecosystem that strengthens the backbone of India’s aviation infrastructure,” he said.



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RS DAINIK JAGRAN

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डीजीसीए ने अकासा एयर पर लगाया 10 लाख का जुर्माना

मुंबई प्रेस: विमानन नियामक डीजीसीए ने सितंबर में बेंगलुरु हवाई अड्डे पर बोर्डिंग से वंचित किए गए कुछ यात्रियों को समय पर मुआवजा नहीं देने पर अकासा एयर पर 10 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया है। डीजीसीए की ताजा कार्रवाई छह सितंबर को बेंगलुरु से पुणे के लिए उड़ान बुक करने वाले सात यात्रियों को बोर्डिंग से इन्कार करने से संबंधित है। सूत्र ने बताया कि जिस विमान को उड़ान संचालित करनी थी, उसे फ्लरेन आब्जेक्ट टैमेज (एफओटी) के कारण रोक दिया गया था और उसके बदले में जाने वाली विमान में नौ गैर परिचालन सीटें थीं, जिसके कारण सात यात्रियों को विमान में चढ़ने से मना कर दिया गया था। बाद में यात्रियों को रात में 10.40 बजे इंडिगो की उड़ान में ले जाया गया, जो वास्तविक अकासा उड़ान के निर्धारित प्रस्थान समय से एक घंटा देर था। सूत्र ने कहा कि यात्रियों को कोई मुआवजा नहीं दिया गया, जो डीजीसीए मानदंडों का उल्लंघन था। 23 दिसंबर के एक आदेश में नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय

- सात यात्रियों को बोर्डिंग से इन्कार करने पर विमानन नियामक का कार्रवाई
- मामले में अकासा एयरलाइन ने कहा, इस मुद्दे को सुलझाने का काम करेंगे



(डीजीसीए) ने कहा कि नियामक द्वारा कारण बताओ नोटिस जारी करने के बाद ही अकासा एयर ने संबंधित यात्रियों को मुआवजा देने की प्रक्रिया शुरू की। इसके साथ ही डीजीसीए ने एयरलाइन पर जुर्माना लगाया। इस संबंध में एयरलाइन के एक प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि उसे डीजीसीए से एक आदेश मिला है। हम इस मामले को सुलझाने और नियामक के अनुसार अपने प्रोटोकाल को बढ़ाने के लिए डीजीसीए के साथ मिलकर काम करना जारी रखेंगे।

Runway Set to be Cleared for Airlines to Use Wet Leased Planes on New Routes

Govt move aimed to help mitigate severe aircraft shortage amid higher ticket prices and expansion woes

Arindam Majumder

New Delhi: India is set to allow homegrown carriers to use wet leased planes on new routes as the government seeks to address a severe aircraft shortage which is driving up ticket prices and hindering airlines' expansion plans, people aware of the development said.

IndiGo and SpiceJet are likely to be immediate beneficiaries of the government move. IndiGo, India's largest carrier, is finalising a leasing arrangement of up to six Boeing 787 jetliners with Norwegian carrier Norse Atlantic, the people said.

The government decision will also allow Air India to wet lease planes for starting new flights with the Tata Group airline's much touted turnaround under its new owner getting delayed due to an ageing fleet amid a global aircraft parts shortage.

A government official said the change in policy will help carriers

mount new routes besides boosting capacity on existing services, helping temper airfares.

"Supply of aircraft is tremendously lagging demand due to engine issues and slowdown in delivery. Hence, this change is necessary," the official said.

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Under the wet lease arrangement, an airline operates flights with aircraft leased from another carrier along with crew. Current rules permit airlines to wet lease planes for up to a year. However,

the airlines are barred by sector regulator directorate general of civil aviation (DGCA) from using these planes on new routes.

More than 100 aircraft are grounded due to unavailability of engines and other spare parts, minister of state for civil aviation Murlidhar Mohol told the Lok Sabha last week.

"Across the world, only India bar-

More Legroom

IndiGo

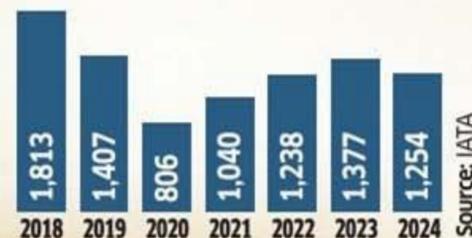
Operates 2 Boeing 777 aircraft on wet lease agreements with Turkish Airlines

Planning to launch flights to London & Paris with the 787 aircraft from Norway

DGCA will ensure airlines lease planes only from countries which have high safety standards

FREE FALL

Number of aircraft delivered



Source: IATA



red airlines from launching new routes with wet leases. US, Europe, Australia permit such arrangements. DGCA will ensure that airlines lease planes only from countries which have high safety standards and are in good condition," the government official cited above said.

IndiGo, which currently has two Boeing 777 aircraft on wet lease from Turkish Airlines, is planning

to start flights to London and Paris with the 787 aircraft from Norway, the officials said. This will help IndiGo expedite its foray into the lucrative India-Europe market which would have otherwise been possible with its new Airbus A350 aircraft whose delivery starts only in 2027.

Norse Atlantic has tentatively agreed a wet-lease for six of its Boeing 787s to another carrier, the airline

said without disclosing the lessee airline's identity. If the agreement is finalised, two aircraft would be deployed in February and the remaining four in September.

IndiGo didn't respond to ET's queries.

More than 60 of IndiGo's Airbus A320 and 321 aircraft are grounded as US aerospace company RTX recalled 1,200 Pratt & Whitney engines after it found contamination in the powdered metal used in their manufacturing.

IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers in October said while the airline has managed to reduce the number of grounding from the peak of over 70 aircraft, it will have a little less than 50 grounded planes by March 2025.

To tide over the capacity shortage, IndiGo has already wet leased 24 aircraft. This includes 10 Airbus A320 planes, two Boeing 777 and 12 737 Max aircraft. The airline which used to return aircraft after six years has now been forced to deploy them for a longer period amid the shortfall in available fleet.

Indian Airlines Ferried Nearly 12% More Domestic Flyers in Nov

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Press Trust of India

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inst 1,382.34 lakh during the corresponding period of the previous year thereby registering an annual growth of 5.91% and monthly growth of 11.90%,” the watchdog said in its monthly report.

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Pvt Cos' ATF Sales up 63% So Far This FY

Sanjeev Choudhary

New Delhi: Private jet fuel suppliers have grown their sales at 63% this fiscal year compared to state-run companies' 5.5% and grabbed nearly 12% market share, aided by an aggressive marketing and supply network expansion.

RIL-BP and Shell-MRPL, the two private sector JVs engaged in aviation fuel marketing, recorded sales growth of 76.6% and 41.6% respectively in April-November, according to industry data. RIL-BP's market share expanded to 7.7% in April-November from 4.8% a year earlier. Shell-MRPL's share expanded to 3.9% from 3%. Their combined share increased to 11.6% from 7.8%.

As a result, the combined share of state-run companies has shrunk to 88.4% from 92.2%. Their combined sales have grown only 5.5% this fiscal year compared to the industry average of 10%.

India exports half the jet fuel it produces in its refineries, with private refiners being the main exporters. Domestic markets are more attractive to serve than the export market, which encourages private players to push hard



and challenge PSUs' dominance.

Regulatory changes over the years have helped the private sector expand, an industry executive said. Open access at most airports allows private players to use infrastructure built by state firms for a fee. They use aggressive marketing techniques to attract airlines, he added.

Public sector companies—Indian Oil, HPCL and BPCL—have 259 aviation fuel stations compared to RIL-BP's 31 and Shell-MRPL's 10, according to the oil ministry data.

Both private operators are, however, present at all major airports in the country and have access to the most lucrative clients, the executive cited earlier said.

RIL-BP network is supplied by RIL's refinery in Gujarat and Shell's network by the MRPL refinery in Karnataka.



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Adani Group to buy Air Works for enterprise value of ₹400 cr

PTI
NEW DELHI

Adani Group on Monday said it will acquire aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services firm Air Works for an enterprise value of Rs 400 crore.

"Adani Defence Systems & Technologies Ltd (ADSTL) has signed a share purchase agreement to acquire 85.8 per cent shareholding in Air Works, India's largest private sector MRO company with the largest pan-India footprint,"



the conglomerate stated.

With operations spanning 35 cities and a workforce of over 1,300 personnel, Air Works brings extensive expertise in servicing both fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft.

The acquisition enhances

Adani's capabilities in the defence MRO sector, solidifying its position in India's airborne defence ecosystem. This strategic move marks a pivotal step in Adani's growth trajectory, laying the foundation for its expansion into the civil aviation services domain.

Air Works offers end-to-end bouquet of aviation services spanning line maintenance, heavy checks, interior refurbishment, painting, redelivery checks, avionics and asset management services to its Indian and global customers.



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Oman Air ropes in InterGlobe Air Transport

Travel solutions provider InterGlobe Air Transport (IGAT) on Monday said Middle-East carrier Oman Air has appointed the company as its exclusive General Sales Agent (GSA). A GSA acts as a third-party sales representative for an airline in a specific region or country and its mandate includes selling flight tickets, cargo space, and other airline products, among others.



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अकासा एयर पर 10 लाख का जुर्माना

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। विमानन नियामक डीजीसीए ने अकासा एयर पर 10 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया है। यह जुर्माना सितंबर में बेंगलुरु हवाई अड्डे पर विमान में सवार होने से वंचित रहे कुछ यात्रियों को समय पर मुआवजा देने में विफल रहने को लेकर लगाया गया है। नियमों के कथित उल्लंघन के लिए अकासा नियामकीय जांच के दायरे में आई है।



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DGCA fines Akasa Air for not compensating passengers who were denied boarding

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Tuesday imposed a penalty of ₹10 lakh on Akasa Air for not paying compensation to seven passengers after denying them boarding on its Bengaluru-Pune flight on September 6.

Though the airline accommodated them on an IndiGo flight scheduled for departure two hours later the same day, the DGCA norms require airlines to compensate passengers if the alternative flight is more than one hour after the original departure time. In this case, the passengers were entitled to 200% of the basic fare, and fuel charge up to a maximum of ₹10,000.

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flight QP 1437 that was scheduled to take off at 8.50 p.m. The aircraft was grounded for maintenance and the replacement aircraft had nine seats that were unserviceable. As a result, seven passengers were denied boarding. They were put on an IndiGo flight on the same route scheduled for departure at 10.40 p.m. the same day.

"No compensation was

paid to the passengers, thereby failing to comply with the provisions of CAR Section-3, Series M, Part IV," the DGCA wrote in its order.

The CAR, or Civil Aviation Requirement, lays down the amount of compensation to be paid for "denied boarding" in different scenarios.

The order further states that though the regulator raised a requisition for compensation for passengers, the airline contested it on the ground that they were denied boarding owing to "reasons beyond the control of the airline".

Following the DGCA order, Akasa Air said in a statement, "We continue to work closely with the DGCA to address this matter and enhance our protocols as required by the regulator".



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Desire to fly premium lifts demand, airfares

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NEW DELHI: Indians are opting to fly premium more often, especially on metros routes, as they seek better experiences and business travel grows. That's sent fares for such seats on aircraft soaring through the roof.

Overall demand for business class and premium economy seats on aircraft has increased 50-60% over a year earlier, revealed data by travel portals MakeMyTrip, EaseMyTrip and Thomas Cook India. According to industry executives, airfares for the category have nearly doubled in a year.

"We've seen a strong demand for business and premium economy-class bookings as compared to 2023, driven by factors such as the growing aspirations of India's middle class, corporate travel policies emphasizing employee well-being and shift towards enhanced travel experiences," said Indiver Rastogi, president & group head, global business travel, Thomas Cook India, told *Mint*.

In India the business class makes up 5-6% of the total market, say industry insiders. That compares with 9.2% of the total seats, globally, according to CAPA, providing a big opportunity for domestic carriers. Air-



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lines like Air India and IndiGo have collectively over 1,400 aircraft on order and expected to grow their business class offerings.

IndiGo, which launched the category on domestic flights starting November, plans to expand it to 45 flights in 2025.

While demand for business class on domestic routes has increased 27% year-on-year, demand for international travel surged 80%, showed data shared by MakeMyTrip.

Metropolitan routes such as Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Bengaluru are seeing a major demand for business-class travel, according to EaseMyTrip.

"The Delhi-Mumbai sector alone is seeing the implementation of premium seating on 20

daily flights, with carriers like IndiGo planning to add over 150 premium seats to meet growing demand," said Nishant Pitti, CEO & co-founder at the company told *Mint*. "The Delhi-Bengaluru route emerges as the second most significant business corridor, with airlines starting business class configurations across 15 daily flights." According to travel portals, current market data indicates competitive pricing after IndiGo launched its premium seats last month. Industry experts, however, say Air India is well positioned to hold a 55% seat capacity post-Vistara merger, targeting high-demand business sectors with premium service offerings.

"Ticket pricing is expected to be intense, as new entrants establish benchmark rates between ₹18,000 and ₹20,000 on key routes. This pricing strategy aligns with premium economy fares while maintaining a differential from traditional business class rates," Pitti said. "The fare trend shows seasonal variations, with November maintaining moderate pricing levels compared with December's peak season rates." According to Thomas Cook India, the average business class airfare for domestic cities is between ₹45,000 and ₹75,000 for bookings made 15 days in advance.

{ AVIATION MYSTERY }

A new hope? Fresh hunt for MH370

The disappearance of Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 with 239 people on board 10 years ago remains one of the world's greatest aviation mysteries. Several searches have yielded no results. Now, Malaysia and a private firm have agreed, in principle, to resume the search early next year.

ONE LAST SHOT: 'NO FIND, NO FEE' PACT

Malaysia's transport minister announced on Friday the government had agreed in principle to resume the search for the wreckage following a new proposal from Ocean Infinity, which would receive \$70 million if substantive wreckage is found.

15,000 SQKM

The new search, once a contract is signed, would expand the previous search area

18 MONTHS
Time the deal will cover

Ocean Infinity indicated the best time for the search would be between January and April.



2.15am: Final spotting on military radars

Military radar showed the plane left its flight path to fly back over northern Malaysia and Penang Island, and then out into the Andaman Sea towards the tip of the Indonesian island of Sumatra. It turned south and contact was lost.

TWO SEARCHES IN VAIN

1 Malaysia, Australia and China launched an underwater search in a 120,000 sq km (46,332 sq miles) area in the southern Indian Ocean, based on data of automatic connections between an Inmarsat satellite and the plane.

How it ended

The search, which cost about \$143 million, was called off after two years in January 2017 with no traces of the plane found.

March 8, 2014, 12.41am: Leaves Kuala Lumpur - 'Good night, Malaysian 370'

The Boeing 777, carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew, went missing on its way from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. Satellite data analysis showed the plane likely crashed somewhere in the southern Indian Ocean, off the coast of western Australia.

1.30am: Last spotted on Malaysian civil aviation control radars

The last transmission from the plane was about 40 minutes after it took off from Kuala Lumpur for Beijing. Captain Zaharie Ahmad Shah signed off with "Good night, Malaysian three seven zero", as the plane entered Vietnamese air space. Shortly thereafter, its transponder was turned off, which meant it could not be easily tracked.

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In 2018, Malaysia accepted a "no-cure, no-fee" offer from U.S. exploration firm Ocean Infinity for a three-month search, meaning the company would only get paid if it found the plane.

How it ended

That search covered 112,000 sq km (43,243 square miles) north of the original target area and also proved fruitless, ending in May 2018.

30 likely parts of the plane have been collected along the coast of Africa and on islands in the Indian Ocean so far. However, investigators have said only three wing fragments were confirmed to be from MH370.

Most of the debris were used in drift pattern analysis in the hopes of narrowing down the aircraft's possible location.

An inconclusive 'final' report

A 495-page Malaysia government report into the disappearance, published in July 2018, said the controls were likely deliberately manipulated to take it off course, but investigators could not determine who was responsible.

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“Creating a presence in the MRO sector is a commitment to building an integrated aviation services ecosystem that strengthens the backbone of India's aviation infrastructure,” Jeet Adani, director, Adani Airports, was quoted as saying in a statement.

The group manages seven top-tier airports, in-



cluding Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Lucknow which, together, account for 25% of passengers and 33% of air cargo in the country.

Established in 1951, Air Works Group has network presence across 27 cities with almost 1,500 staff.

Its customers include aviation OEMs, commercial airlines, military, business aviation companies and lessors. It services 50 types of aircraft.



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Akasa Air fined ₹10 lakh by DGCA

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The Boeing MAX aircraft was grounded due to damage by a foreign object. The aircraft was replaced. However, there were nine non-operational seats, due to which seven passengers were denied boarding. Akasa Air moved the seven passengers to another flight but failed to give compensation to the affected passengers.

As per DGCA, Akasa Air failed to comply with the provisions of CAR Section-3, Series M, Part IV.

In a statement an Akasa Air spokesperson acknowledged receipt of an order by the DGCA dated 23 December and said that it will continue to work closely with the DGCA to address the matter.

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NEARLY 12% MORE COMPARED TO YEAR-AGO PERIOD

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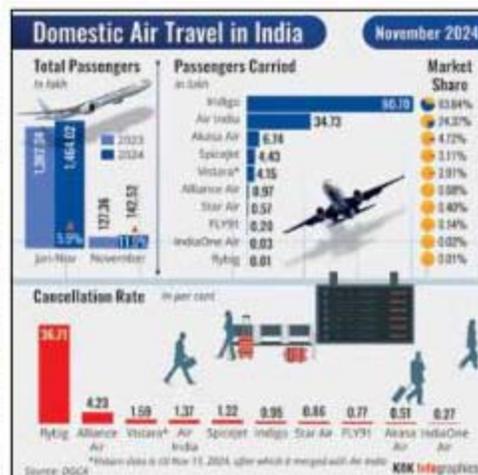
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DGCA imposes fine of ₹10 lakh on Akasa Air

MUMBAI: Aviation regulator DGCA has slapped a Rs 10 lakh penalty on Akasa Air for failing to provide timely compensation to some passengers who were denied boarding at Bangalore airport in September, according to a source.

Earlier this month, some pilots had also flagged concerns about training at the carrier, which has termed the allegations as baseless.

The latest action by the DGCA pertains to the denial of boarding of seven passengers who had booked a flight from Bangalore to Pune on September 6. The aircraft,

which was to operate the flight, was grounded due to foreign object damage and replacement aircraft had nine non-operational seats as a result of which seven passengers were denied boarding, the source said on Tuesday.

Later, the passengers were moved to an Indigo flight with a scheduled departure time of 2240 hours which was more than one hour of the scheduled departure time of the actual Akasa flight.

The source said that no compensation was paid to the passengers which was non-compliance with DGCA norms.

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More planes, flights & airports to brighten Indian aviation sector in 2025

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NEW DELHI/MUMBAI: The trails of mega-mergers, tailwinds of expanding fleets, flights and airports will dot the fast-growing Indian aviation firmament in 2025, though the dark clouds of supply chain woes will persist longer.

Also, new airline takeoffs, the future trajectory of revised norms to tackle pilot fatigue and efforts to reduce carbon emissions will be on the radar.

And in 2024, two airlines flew into the sunset, one airline is on a liquidation taxiway, aircraft orders climbed, single-day domestic air passenger traffic soared past record 5 lakh at

least twice, and airfare movements continued to raise concerns. Not to leave out 999 hoax bomb calls received by airlines till November 14 this year.

The aviation sector had its share of accidents in the form of a few trainer aircraft crashes and a roof collapse incident at Terminal 1 of the Delhi airport that killed one person.

For the “fascinating” Indian market, where the domestic air traffic is projected to jump to 164-170 million this fiscal ending March 2025, the larger long-term focus will be on increasing wide-body aircraft, providing more direct overseas flight con-

nectivity and making the country a global aviation hub.

In the words of Akasa Air's chief Vinay Dube, prospects are exceptional for the Indian aviation market, and IATA chief Willie Walsh is of the view that there is a massive opportunity for Indian airlines.

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In a landmark development on November 12, Air India completed the Vistara merger to create an integrated airline, partly owned by Singapore Airlines, which will be flying



over 1,20,000 passengers daily and connecting more than 90 destinations.

The completion of the

Express and AIX Connect (formerly AirAsia India).

The two mergers have created a full-service carrier and a low-cost carrier of scale for the Tata Group, which is seeking to establish a “world-class global aviation company with an Indian heart”.

With the mergers, two flight codes have bid adieu to the Indian skies — Vistara's ‘UK’ and AIX Connect's ‘I5’.

Putting an end to speculations about the future of the iconic ‘Maharaja’, once synonymous with Air India, Tata Group has chosen to rename Air India's flying returns programme as

‘Maharaja Club’.

As it expands, Air India, on December 9, announced placing an order to purchase 100 more Airbus aircraft, comprising 10 wide-body A350s and 90 narrow-body A320 family planes.

This is in addition to the orders for 470 aircraft that Air India had placed with Airbus and Boeing last year.

Air India has started retrofitting its narrow-body planes, and those of legacy wide-body aircraft are anticipated to start in mid-2025.

The country's largest airline IndiGo turned 18 this year and has also introduced busi-

ness class seats in select flights. While the carrier is expected to take its first A321 XLR next year, it is already expanding its international connectivity with new routes and codeshare partnerships.

In plans for a larger play, the airline, in May, unveiled an order for 30 wide-body A350-900 aircraft, and it now has a total outstanding plane orders of nearly 1,000.

All said, supply chain disruptions are impacting aircraft deliveries. Besides, issues at Boeing and engine problems have compounded the woes for airlines.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

DELHI

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Air traffic record high, IndiGo leads the pack

New Delhi: Indian airlines carried a record 1.42 crore passengers on domestic routes in November 2024, marking the highest-ever monthly traffic. As per data from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), domestic passenger traffic surged 12% year-on-year in November to 1.42 crore and increased from 1.36 crore in October 2024. *ENS*



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फ्लाइट में पैसेंजर ने पिलाई चाय, एयरलाइंस बोली- कुछ गलत नहीं

■ विशेष संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

जिस तरह से भारतीय ट्रेनों में वेडर घूम-घूमकर यात्रियों को चाय सर्व करते हैं, ठीक उसी तरह का एक मामला एक फ्लाइट में सामने आया है। इसका विडियो सोशल मीडिया पर वायरल हो रहा है। इसमें एक यात्री अपने साथियों की मदद से फ्लाइट में बैठे यात्रियों को डिस्पोजेबल ग्लास में चाय सर्व कर रहा है। यह घटना है देश की सबसे बड़ी इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की, जिसकी एक फ्लाइट में यह मामला सामने आया।

इस मामले में कई तरह के कमेंट सामने आ रहे हैं। यह भी कहा जा रहा है कि यह मामला 36 हजार फुट की उंचाई पर हुआ। लेकिन, इंडिगो एयरलाइंस का कहना है कि यह सही है कि उनकी एक डोमेस्टिक फ्लाइट में ऐसी घटना सामने आई है। एक यात्री दूसरे यात्रियों को फ्लास्क से चाय दे रहा है। एयरलाइंस का कहना है कि जिन यात्रियों को यह यात्री चाय सर्व कर रहा था, वह उसके ही साथी थे। क्रू मेंबर ने जैसे ही उन्हें देखा, बैठने के लिए बोला गया। क्योंकि, फ्लाइट के टेक ऑफ का टाइम हो रहा था। एयरलाइंस का कहना है कि यह घटना हवा में नहीं बल्कि ऑन ग्राउंड

अकासा एयर पर ₹10 लाख का जुर्माना

■ विस, नई दिल्ली: एविएशन रेगुलेटर DGCA ने अकासा एयर पर 10 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया है। एयरलाइन पर यह जुर्माना छह सितंबर को बेंगलुरु-पुणे वाली फ्लाइट में सात यात्रियों को बॉर्डिंग से मना करने पर लगाया गया है। अकासा एयर की इस फ्लाइट में कुछ सीटों की कंडीशन अच्छी ना होने पर उन सीटों पर अकासा ने यात्रियों को बैठाने से मना कर दिया था। इस मामले में अकासा एयर का कहना है कि इस बारे में उन्हें डीजीसीए का नोटिस मिला है। वह डीजीसीए के साथ पूरी तरह से सहयोग कर रही है।

हुई थी, उस वक़्त प्लेन टेक ऑफ नहीं किया था। यात्री ने फ्लाइट के अंदर रील बनाई। इसकी जांच की जा रही है, लेकिन फिलहाल इसमें उक्त यात्री द्वारा कोई नियम तोड़ने वाला मामला एयरलाइंस को नहीं लग रहा है। वैसे भी ग्रुप में जाने वाले कितने ही यात्री एक-दूसरे को सामान सर्व कर देते हैं।



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THE PIONEER

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Domestic air passenger traffic rises 12 per cent in November, IndiGo leads market share



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Indian airlines carried 1.42 crore passengers on domestic routes in November, nearly 12 per cent more compared to the year-ago period, amid rising air traffic demand.

In terms of domestic market share, IndiGo topped the list with a 63.6 per cent pie, followed by Air India (24.4 per cent), Akasa Air (4.7 per cent)

and SpiceJet (3.1 per cent). While all these carriers saw their share rise, the share of Alliance Air was unchanged at 0.7 per cent in November, according to the latest data from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

"Passengers carried by domestic airlines during January-November 2024 were 1,464.02 lakh as against 1,382.34 lakh during the corresponding period of the previous year thereby registering an annual growth of 5.91 per cent and monthly growth of 11.90 per cent," the watchdog said in its monthly report.

Domestic air passenger traffic was at 142.52 lakh in November compared to 127.36 lakh in the same period a year ago.

In October this year, domestic passenger stood at 1.36 crore. Air India completed the

merger of full service carrier Vistara with itself in November.

The On Time Performance (OTP) of scheduled domestic airlines - computed for the four metro airports at Bangalore, Delhi, Hyderabad, and Mumbai - took a beating in November. IndiGo's OTP stood at 74.5 per cent while that of Akasa Air and SpiceJet touched 66.4 per cent and 62.5 per cent, respectively.

The OTP of Air India and Alliance Air were at 58.8 per cent and 58.9 per cent, respectively, the data showed.

Further, the data revealed that 2,24,904 passengers were affected by delays in November. Carriers shelled out nearly Rs 2.90 crore towards facilitation.

Last month, a total of 624 passenger-related complaints were received by the scheduled domestic airlines.



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JAIPUR

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साढ़े चार घंटे देरी से भरी उड़ान

जयपुर @ पत्रिका. जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से फ्लाइट संचालन लगातार प्रभावित हो रहा है। सोमवार को भी इस स्थिति का सामना करना पड़ा।

जानकारी के अनुसार, जयपुर

से दिल्ली के बीच संचालित एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की फ्लाइट दोपहर 12:20 बजे की बजाय शाम 5:00 बजे रवाना हुई, जिससे यात्रियों को भारी परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा।



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THE TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

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Adani to acquire Air Works

New Delhi: Adani Group on Monday said it will acquire aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services firm Air Works for an enterprise value of ₹ 400 crore.

"Adani Defence Systems & Technologies Ltd (ADSTL) has signed a share purchase agreement to acquire 85.8 per cent shareholding in Air Works, India's largest private sector MRO company with the largest pan-India footprint," the conglomerate said in a statement.

With operations spanning 35 cities and a workforce of over 1,300 personnel, Air Works brings extensive expertise in servicing both fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft.

The acquisition enhances Adani's capabilities in the defence MRO sector, solidifying its position in India's airborne defence ecosystem.

This strategic move marks a pivotal step in Adani's growth trajectory, laying the foundation for its expansion into the civil aviation services domain.

Air Works offers an end-to-end bouquet of aviation services spanning line maintenance, heavy checks, interior refurbishment, painting, redelivery checks, avionics as well as asset management services to its Indian and global customers.

The company undertakes base maintenance for narrow-body and turboprop aircraft, as well as rotary aircraft from its facilities at Hosur, Mumbai, and Kochi and with regulatory approvals from civil aviation authorities of more than 20 countries.

Air Works has also built significant capabilities in defence MRO, executing projects for key platforms of Navy and Air Force. #1



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

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American Airlines resumes flights after brief grounding ahead of busy Xmas travel

Washington: American Airlines said on Tuesday its flights had resumed after a technical glitch forced the carrier to issue an hour-long ground stop, disrupting travel for thousands on Christmas Eve, one of the busiest periods of the year. A vendor technology issue briefly affected its ability to get planes in the air, the carrier said, without identifying the provider.

While customers were still pressing for details on their delayed flights, the relatively brief stoppage means American will likely avoid a full-scale meltdown that could ripple for days during the peak holiday travel season.

“Not a good start to Christmas Eve travel as current flight is grounded and Captain cannot provide ETA on resolution from system outage and/or paperwork error at national level. Will make connections or refunds more complicated too,” a user had said, tagging American Airlines on X.

The company’s shares were down 0.3% in morning trading.

Airlines can request their own ground stops, which affect only their operations, when they encounter or expect significant congestion and delays.

Tuesday’s snafu is the latest technical snag after carriers were hit by a global tech outage



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tied to Microsoft’s Azure cloud platform and a software issue at cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike earlier this year.

The outage had cost Delta Air Lines at least \$500 million.

Two years ago, Southwest

Airlines experienced a meltdown with its systems during the holidays that led to 16,900 flight cancellations and stranded 2 million passengers. It was eventually fined \$140 million in the largest-ever civil penalty for a travel disruption.

Airlines have upgraded their cybersecurity and operational software systems, but given that there was an exodus of talented workers during the pandemic, the glitches over the last few years are not altogether unexpected, said Ken Quinn, partner at law firm Clyde & Co.

American Airlines operates thousands of flights per day to more than 350 destinations in

more than 60 countries. The US Federal Aviation Administration in a statement on Tuesday referred Reuters to the airline, reiterating that the carrier had reported a technical issue.

The issue with American was reportedly the inability of an automated system to calculate or deliver weight and balance (passenger/baggage/cargo mass and overall centre of gravity) data required to legally dispatch each flight, said Robert Mann, a former airline executive who now runs a consulting firm. The management system may have been unable to load and compute engine power requirements and takeoff per-

formance, he said. American Airlines was not immediately available to elaborate on the technical snag on Tuesday.

The airline, along with its wholly owned regional carriers in the US, has cancelled over 23,000 flights, or about 1.3% of their scheduled flights this year, according to FlightAware data. One of American’s hubs, Dallas-Fort Worth, was also experiencing arrival and departure delays, which the airline attributed to adverse weather conditions. The Transportation Security Administration expects to screen a record 40 million passengers over the holidays. REUTERS



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AHMEDABAD

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Adani to buy plane maintenance co Air Works for ₹400cr

New Delhi: The Adani Group, that operates airports in seven cities, including Mumbai and is building a greenfield one at Navi Mumbai, is expanding its presence in the aviation space. It is acquiring India's biggest private sector MRO (maintenance, repair & overhaul) player Air Works for an enterprise value of Rs 400 crore. Adani Defence Systems & Technologies has signed an agreement to buy 85.8% stake in Air Works, which does line maintenance, heavy checks, among others for its Indian and global customers. TNN