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Dense fog disrupts services at Kolkata airport; 34 flights hit

Kolkata, Jan. 24: Dense fog disrupted the movement of at least 34 flights at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) Airport here on Friday, an official said.

A total of 15 flights from Kolkata to other destinations were delayed as the aircraft could not take off due to poor visibility, an Airports Authority of India (AAI) spokesperson said.

Eight flights scheduled to arrive in the metropolis were also delayed, while seven others which hovered over the Kolkata skies had to be diverted to other airports, he said.

In addition, four flights returned to parking bays from the ramp as those could not take off.

Due to the fog, low visibility procedures (LVP) were implemented at the airport at 2.10 am, the offi-



“Robotic Mules” being operated by Indian Army personnel during rehearsal for Republic Day parade at the Red Road in Kolkata on Friday. — PRITAM BANDYOPADHYAY

cial said. The Air Traffic Control (ATC) implements LVP when visibility drops below 800 metres, guiding aircraft to their stands using ‘follow-me’ vehicles. LVP is also triggered when the cloud ceiling is below 200 feet.

Flight arrivals were affected in two phases

from 4.02 am to 6.51 am and from 6.53 am to 8.16 am. Similarly, departure of flights were affected from 4.09 am to 5.49 am and from 6.48 am to 8.52 am, the AAI official said.

Flight operations resumed at 8.17 am, NSCBI Airport director Pravat Ranjan Beuria said. — PTI

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INTENTION IS TO BRING NATURAL GAS, ATF UNDER GST: HARDEEP PURI

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NEW DELHI

Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Puri on Friday said that there is a growing consensus to bring natural gas under the ambit of GST, but stopped short of hinting at a timeline.

"LPG gas is already 100 per cent saturated," he said, referring to LPG gas connections and the success of PM Ujjwala scheme.

On the matter of GST on LPG, the government maintained that it was under the GST since the be-

ginning.

"LPG is under the ambit of GST since the beginning," Petroleum and Natural Gas Secretary Pankaj Jain said, who was also present during the press conference.

Commercial LPG cylinder attracts 18 per cent GST and domestic attracts 5 per cent.

Ujjwala gas currently sells at Rs 503 per unit, and non-Ujjwala at Rs 803 per unit in Delhi. The minister, responding to a reporter's question, asserted that aviation turbine fuel will also be taken up for consideration under the GST.

"Our sense out of the last

KEY POINTS



- Growing consensus to include natural gas under GST, timeline unclear.
- LPG under GST since inception, with 5% tax on domestic, 18% on commercial.
- ATF likely to be included in GST soon; natural gas also under discussion.
- 20% ethanol blending in petrol on track for completion next month; no ethanol blending in diesel planned.

GST meeting was that ATF (aviation turbine fuel) is likely to come on soon under GST but bringing Natural gas is also on the cards,"

the minister said.

"There were a large number of states which earlier had reservations like Gujarat, Maharashtra, AP,

but they are now more or less seeing the benefits of that. I don't want to put a timeline, because its not my field. I am the line ministry,

and the taxation issue falls under the finance ministry and GST council," said the minister. "If you ask me, I would say sooner than later

from time to time, have opposed this idea. Petroleum products are currently not part of the GST framework. Moving on to biofuel

"Our sense out of the last GST meeting was that ATF (aviation turbine fuel) is likely to come on soon under GST but bringing Natural gas is also on the cards," the minister said.

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There have been discussions of bringing petrol and diesel under the GST regime, but several states,

blending with petrol, Minister Puri said that 20 per cent blending of ethanol with petrol will be completed next month.

The government has been ambitious of attaining 20 per cent ethanol-blended petrol by 2024-25 financial year and 30 per cent by 2029-30. The government has advanced the target of E20 fuel from 2030 to 2025.

E20 blending in petrol was introduced by the Centre to reduce the country's oil import cost, energy security, lower carbon emissions and better air quality.

India, however, has no plans to mandate the blending of ethanol with diesel. The issue of blending ethanol with diesel is still at an experimental stage.



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रक्सौल एयरपोर्ट का तकनीकी टीम ने किया सर्वेक्षण

भास्कर न्यूज़ | रक्सौल

रक्सौल हवाई अड्डा निर्माण के लिए भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की तकनीकी टीम ने शुक्रवार को सर्वेक्षण शुरू किया। एसडीएम शिवाक्षी दीक्षित ने बताया कि टीम रक्सौल में विभिन्न पहलुओं का अध्ययन कर रही है। सर्वेक्षण कार्य एके सिन्हा के नेतृत्व में हो रहा है। टीम 28 जनवरी तक रक्सौल में रहकर प्रतिदिन एयरपोर्ट की संभावनाओं का आंकलन करेगी। टीम यह जांच कर रही है कि एयरपोर्ट के लिए भूमि का चयन किस प्रकार किया जाए।



इसके अलावा, निर्माण में आने वाली तकनीकी समस्याओं की पहचान की जा रही है। एयरपोर्ट

के रनवे, टर्मिनल, पार्किंग और अन्य सुविधाओं को लेकर भी सर्वेक्षण किया जा रहा है। यह भी देखा जा रहा है कि आसपास के क्षेत्रों पर इसका क्या प्रभाव पड़ेगा।

प्राधिकरण की टीम यह सुनिश्चित कर रही है कि एयरपोर्ट निर्माण से जुड़ी सभी आवश्यकताओं को पूरा किया जाए। इसके लिए तकनीकी विशेषज्ञ जमीन की स्थिति, जल निकासी, और अन्य संरचनात्मक जरूरतों का अध्ययन कर रहे हैं। एयरपोर्ट बनने से रक्सौल और आसपास के क्षेत्रों को बड़ा आर्थिक लाभ मिलने की संभावना है।



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जयपुर एयरपोर्ट: पैरेलल पोर्च से होगा वाहनों का आवागमन

जयपुर | जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन ने वाहनों के आवागमन के लिए एक नई शुरुआत की है। जिसके तहत एयरपोर्ट की टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग में एक नया पोर्च विकसित किया गया है और इसमें वाहनों के आवागमन के लिए 2 नई लेन बनाई गई हैं। ऐसे में अब दो पैरेलल पोर्च से वाहनों का मूवमेंट होगा। हालांकि इसमें से पुराने पोर्च को वीआईपी मूवमेंट और प्राइवेट बुकिंग के लिए रिजर्व कर दिया है। यानी यहां

से सिर्फ वीआईपी वाहनों और प्राइवेट वाहनों का मूवमेंट होगा। ऐसे में अब यात्रियों को डिपार्चर गेट तक 40 मीटर पैदल चलना पड़ेगा। इससे एयरपोर्ट पोर्च में जाम से राहत मिल सकेगी तो वहीं जयपुर एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन ने गणतंत्र दिवस को देखते हुए यात्रियों के लिए एडवाइजरी जारी की है। जिसमें कहा गया है कि क्योंकि गणतंत्र दिवस के चलते सुरक्षा व्यवस्था बढ़ाई गई है। ऐसे में यात्रियों की सुरक्षा जांच में अधिक समय लग रहा है।



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जयपुर एयरपोर्ट : भुवनेश्वर, बेंगलुरु और दुबई की फ्लाइट रही घंटों लेट

जयपुर | एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की भुवनेश्वर फ्लाइट शुक्रवार को डेढ़ घंटे देरी से गई। यह जयपुर से सुबह 10:45 बजे जाती है, लेकिन दोपहर 12:20 बजे गई। बेंगलुरु की फ्लाइट सुबह 11 बजे की जगह दोपहर 1:10 और स्पाइसजेट की दुबई की फ्लाइट सुबह 9:40 की जगह दोपहर 12 बजे गई।

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Indigo's Q3 profit drops due to sliding rupee, high airport fee

SONAL CHOUDHARY
BENGALURU, DHNS

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the corresponding year, driven by strong demand for air travel, continued growth, and lower fuel cost (an airline's biggest cost).

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cial year 2025, both operationally and financially. We touched new milestones as we operated a peak of 2,200 daily flights and served a record 31.1 million passengers during the quarter," said Chief Executive Officer Pieter Elbers.

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MUMBAI

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Demand grows for Udan Yatri cafe at Mumbai airport

Dhairya Gajara

MUMBAI

Passengers at Mumbai International Airport have raised concerns over high food prices, renewing calls for affordable dining options like the Udan Yatri Cafe at Kolkata Airport. While India promotes low-cost flying, passengers feel affordable food options at airports are equally important. Unlike railway stations, where food is reasonably priced, airports offer limited options with steep rates.

At Mumbai Airport, basic food items are costly. For instance, Idli costs Rs300, Vada Pav Rs410, and Masala Dosa Rs600. A full meal can range between Rs500 and Rs600. Viral videos showing these high prices have sparked public outrage, with many urging authorities to regulate food costs.

Shirish Deshpande, chairman of Mumbai Grahak Panchayat, said, "The food rates at all the airports are exorbitant and it gets worse during flight delays as the passengers have to succumb to the inflated prices and get food since airlines are slowly

doing away with providing refreshments to stranded passengers. Ministry of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Consumer Affairs should jointly look into this."

Shirish Deshpande of the Mumbai Grahak Panchayat said the prices are unfair, especially during flight delays when passengers have no choice but to buy expensive food. He called on the Ministries of Civil Aviation and Consumer Affairs to take action.

According to an online social platform LocalCircles, which recently conducted an online survey comprising 28,000 airline passengers from 309 districts of India, 60% of the respondents said they were charged 100% to 200% more for food and beverages at airports compared to railway stations.

The issue of high food prices has also brought attention to parking charges at Mumbai Airport. Parking fees start at Rs160 for 30 minutes, the highest among major airports. Long-term parking can cost up to Rs1,000 for 24 hours, while valet parking goes up to Rs1,500.

Flights disrupted as fog envelops airport

OUR BUREAU

Calcutta: Flights to and from Calcutta were disrupted for the second consecutive day on Friday because of fog.

More than 25 flights were delayed and seven inbound flights were diverted, said an official at the airport. A few flights were also cancelled. Flight operations were stalled from 4.02am to 8.16am.

On Thursday, more than 60 flights were delayed and a dozen diverted as the airport was enveloped in dense fog.

On Friday, visibility had been dropping since 2.10am. The Calcutta airport has the Category IIIB instrument landing system which allows flights to operate at a minimum visibility of 50m.

"Flights could operate between 2.10am and 4.02am despite low visibility. Then it dropped below 50m," the official said. "Visibility improved at 6.51am only to drop again at 6.53am."

A combination of moisture, clouds and light wind contributed to the dense fog.

"The moisture is being provided by an anticyclonic flow of winds from the Bay of Bengal. Moisture-laden winds are dominating the lower levels of



TIME	AIRLINE	FLIGHT	DESTINATION	CLASS	STATUS
13:35	IndiGo	6E 0994	AIZAWL	B	On Time
13:45	IndiGo	6E 6917	PAINA	B	Cancelled
15:35	IndiGo	6E 0394	JAIPUR	B	Delayed
14:05	IndiGo	6E 0874	CHANDIGARH	B	On Time
15:45	IndiGo	6E 5103	DIBRUGARH	B	Delayed
16:30	SpiceJet	SG 0636	PORT BLAIR	D	Delayed
14:15	IndiGo	6E 0417	RAIPUR	C	Cancelled

A display board outside the airport shows delayed and cancelled flights around 1pm on Friday



A queue to enter the airport terminal around 12.30pm on Friday. Pictures by Gautam Bose

the atmosphere," said a Met department official.

The situation is likely to improve on Saturday.

"The anticyclonic system is likely to shift. If it happens, moisture incursion will dip. The cold and dry northwesterly winds are likely to return. Fog will still be there but not as dense as on Thursday or Friday," the Met official said.

Though flight operations resumed after 8.16am, the cascading effect continued for hours.

Dattatreya Ghosh from Barrackpore was supposed to take an IndiGo flight to Raipur, which was to take off at 2.15pm.

"The flight was cancelled because of fog. My son needs to go to attend a semi-

nar. So he took a flight with a stopover in Hyderabad," said Nilanjan Ghosh, Dattatreya's father.

New Town resident Barun Roy was booked on a flight to Bagdogra that was to leave at 12.55pm. The flight was delayed, said his mother Dipannita.

A north Calcutta resident whose IndiGo flight to Ah-

medabad was cancelled on Thursday could finally go on Friday, but the flight was delayed by an hour.

The IndiGo flight was to take off at 12.50pm but it left at 1.50pm, said the woman, who was going to Ahmedabad to watch a Coldplay concert with her two children. Her children went on an evening flight on Thursday.



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AHMEDABAD

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Man booked for hiding lighter in sock at Surat airport:

airport: A 53-year-old man was caught with a lighter and a packet of cigarettes hidden in his socks during a security search at the airport. Harilal Panseriya was going to Delhi by a morning flight from Surat airport. At about 7am, when he went to the security hold area for frisking, CISF sub-inspector Ravi Yadav found a lighter and a cigarette packet hidden in his right sock. Panseriya was handed over to other security staff for a thorough check. Dumas police booked Panseriya under sections of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

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IndiGo Q3 profit slides 18% to ₹2,450 crore

PTI

NEW DELHI

The country's largest airline IndiGo on Friday saw its profit after tax slide 18.3 per cent to Rs 2,448.8 crore in the three months ended December 2024 due to foreign exchange loss even as revenue jumped on higher capacity and passenger traffic.

The carrier, which had a fleet of 437 planes at the end of December, is planning to induct wet leased planes for long range flights and expects the number of grounded aircraft to come down to 40s by the start of next financial year from the current level of 60s.



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Nashik-Jaipur flight service to resume

Staff Reporter

NASHIK

The Nashik-Jaipur flight service, which was suspended for the past two months, is set to restart from February 1. Bookings for this service began on Tuesday (January 21) and have received a positive response from passengers, as seen earlier. A significant number of people travel to Rajasthan from Nashik for industrial, trade, tourism, and family purposes. The suspension of direct flights had caused inconvenience. IndiGo had initiated direct flights from Nashik to Jaipur via Indore on October 29. However, the service was suspended on December 14 due to low visibil-

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ity and other technical issues.

Now, the service is being restored, and bookings have already started. By Tuesday noon, 58 out of 78 seats for the first flight were booked, causing the fare to rise to Rs. 13,000. Services will operate from Ozar airport three days a week—Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. On these days, the flight will depart from Jaipur

at 11:20 am, arrive at Ozar at 2:20 pm, depart from Ozar at 2:40 pm, and reach Jaipur at 5:30 pm, with a 20-minute stop at Indore.

Currently, Ozar airport offers flights to New Delhi, Ahmedabad, Nagpur, Hyderabad, Goa, Indore, Lucknow, and Bengaluru. Jaipur will now be added to the list. Manish Rawal, President of the NIMA Aviation Committee, stated, "We are also following up with other companies to start their services from Nashik. Talks are underway with Air India and Akasa. Efforts are being made to begin services to Chennai, Kolkata, and an additional flight for New Delhi."

SpiceJet's turnaround script could face fresh plot twists

The airline's revival efforts, after raising ₹3,000 crore via a Qualified Institutional Placement in September, come at a time when the aviation sector is grappling with global supply-chain issues

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

In its bid to revive the ailing airline and its grounded fleet, SpiceJet will spend 50% of the ₹3,000 crore raised last September in settling dues to lessors and vendors, and ₹800 crore for making its planes airworthy.

But the efforts come at a time when the industry is facing headwinds as new aircraft production stays slow and leased planes have become scarce, forcing airlines to maintain older fleets. This has brought the maintenance and repair markets under pressure as well, which have also been already strained by parts shortages caused by COVID-19 and the Russia-Ukraine war, which disrupted the supply of materials like titanium for parts.

In September 2024, the airline raised ₹3,000 crore via Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP), which attracted top-tier institutional investors and mutual funds including Goldman Sachs (Singapore) and Morgan Stanley Asia. This has allowed SpiceJet to settle about \$308.4 million in claims at a negotiated \$76.1 million, the firm's chief business officer Debojo Mahrshi told *The Hindu*.

The terms of settlement also allow it to continue to operate the planes leased from the same lessors, barring where they were already returned to the lessors,



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Spicejet

he said. At the time of the fundraise, SpiceJet's 36 of the total 58 aircraft were grounded and many were repossessed by lessors.

SpiceJet's fleet comprises Boeing 737 aircraft, including MAX 8s, and Bombardier Q-400s.

For example, the settlement with aircraft lessor Carlyle involved a write-off of \$40.17 million on arrears and conversion of \$30 million in arrears into equity while allowing the airline to continue to operate an unspecified number of air-

craft on a long-term basis.

Another settlement with Export Development Canada allows the airline full ownership of 13 Bombardier Q400 aircraft used for regional flying.

Clearing dues

Of the ₹3,000 crore raised, the airline allocated ₹1,400 crore for clearing dues. It has earmarked ₹800 crore for un-grounding its aircraft, ₹800 crore for working capital requirements.

A separate sum of ₹736 crore in a previous funding round was also utilised to address liabilities, clear a portion of dues and support working capital need.

The airline's attempt at revival come at a time when the global aviation industry is grappling with supply-chain issues, exerting pressure on availability of engines and parts in the hydraulic, and pneumatic systems. These will push

up the cost of maintenance contracts as well.

Further, with most of Boeing's suppliers based in the U.S., the rupee depreciation will also escalate expenses. Turnaround time for engines sent for shop visits for scheduled maintenance have also risen by 30% to 150% for various reasons, including due to more frequent maintenance as new engine technologies such as those in the Leap 1B engines used for Boeing 737 MAX aircraft takes time to mature.

It has tied up with U.S.-based engine maintenance, repair and overhaul organisation (MRO) StandardAero Inc., for restoring SpiceJet's grounded Boeing 737-8 Max fleet.

Leasing not easy

Repairing SpiceJet's existing planes also comes amid concerns that leasing additional planes may not be as easy for the airline due to its credit history.

"Lessors will prefer well-funded airlines and assess SpiceJet's risk exposure with greater scrutiny and demand 12-24 months of advance lease rental payments, letters of credit from the bank, among others. Moreover, the cost of leasing has gone up by 30% because leased planes are in great demand and almost drying up because of slow production of new planes," said Alok Anand, chairman and CEO, Acumen Aviation.

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NAVBHARAT TIMES

DELHI

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स्पाइसजेट एक फरवरी से चेन्नई- प्रयागराज के बीच उड़ान संपर्क बढ़ाएगी

चेन्नई, 25 जनवरी (एजेंसी):
घरेलू एयरलाइन स्पाइसजेट ने शनिवार
को कहा कि वह प्रयागराज-चेन्नई और
प्रयागराज-हैदराबाद के बीच सीधी
उड़ान संपर्क शुरू करेगी।



कंपनी ने कहा कि महाकुंभ उत्सव में भाग लेने के इच्छुक यात्रियों की
सेवा करने के लिए यह फैसला लिया गया। चेन्नई और हैदराबाद से प्रयागराज
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के लिए गुवाहाटी से ऐसी ही सेवाएं 11 से 28 फरवरी तक चलाई जाएंगी।

कंपनी ने एक बयान में कहा कि एयरलाइन दिल्ली, मुंबई, अहमदाबाद,
जयपुर और बेंगलुरु से और अधिक उड़ानें जोड़कर प्रयागराज के लिए अपनी
दैनिक सेवाओं को भी बढ़ाएगी।

Second day of flight disruptions due to fog



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 24 JANUARY

Dense fog disrupted flight operations at NSCBI Airport early this morning for a second consecutive day, leaving passengers stranded and leading to widespread protests over flight unavailability.

The low visibility procedures (LVP) were implemented at 2.10 a.m, significantly affecting both arrivals and departures. Flight arrivals were hampered between 4.02 a.m. and 6.51 a.m. and again from 6.53 a.m. to 8.16 a.m, leading to operational challenges. Flight departures were affected from 4.09 a.m. to 5.49 a.m, as well as between 6.48 a.m. and 8:52 a.m, further compounding the delays. As a result of these disruptions, a total of eight arriving flights experienced delays. Departure delays impacted 15 flights, causing cascading scheduling issues. Four flights had to return to the ramp after initial clearance. Seven flights were diverted to alternate airports due to the inability to land safely under the prevailing conditions.

The widespread impact on flight operations left many passengers stranded and frustrated, escalating tensions. Frustrated passengers, many

of whom had missed connecting flights and appointments, erupted in protests at the airport, demanding explanations and immediate action. Some were seen engaging with airport staff, accusing the authorities of inadequate communication and poor management during the fog-induced delays. Flight operations resumed at 8.17 a.m, NSCBI Airport director Pravat Ranjan Beuria said. According to officials at the airport, some passengers created a ruckus at the terminal building after a private airline cancelled its flight.

On Thursday, flight operations at the Kolkata airport were disrupted, affecting movement of at least 72 flights. Airport authorities expressed regret over the inconvenience. "Safety remains our top priority, and the fog this morning necessitated strict adherence to safety protocols," an airport spokesperson said. Efforts are underway to accommodate stranded passengers and normalize schedules.

As of now, flight operations are gradually returning to normal, but residual delays are expected throughout the day. Passengers are advised to check their flight status and allow extra time for travel.

IndiGo PAT slides 18% to ₹2448cr

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New Delhi: IndiGo on Friday saw its profit after tax fall 18.3 per cent to ₹2,448.8 crore in the three months ended December 2024 as currency volatility took a toll on the bottomline.

With the increase in capacity and passengers, the carrier's total income jumped 14.6 per cent to ₹22,992.8 crore.

In the year-ago period, the same stood at ₹20,062.3 crore.

InterGlobe Aviation is the parent of IndiGo, which flew 31.1 million passengers in the latest December quarter.

In the 2023 December quarter, the carrier had a profit after tax of ₹2,998.1 crore.

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Quarter ended December

(₹ crore)	2023	2024
Income	20062	22992
Net profit	2998	2448

"Driven by strong demand for air travel, continued growth and lower fuel cost for the quarter ended December 2024, IndiGo reported a solid profit of ₹38.5 billion, excluding the impact of currency movement against a profit of ₹30.5 billion during the same period last year. Including the impact of foreign exchange, the net profit for the quarter aggregated to ₹24.5 billion," the airline said.

Fuel cost, which accounts for a significant chunk of an airline's operational expenses, fell 6.1 per cent to ₹6,422.6 crore in the latest December quarter even as total costs climbed 19.9 per cent to ₹20,465.7 crore.

"We delivered a strong third quarter both operationally and financially. We reported a total income of ₹230 billion, reflecting a growth of 15 per cent and profit, excluding the impact of currency movement of ₹38.5 billion.

"Including currency impact, we reported a profit of ₹24.5 billion, highlighting effective execution of our clear and well-defined strategy," IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers said.

He also noted that these results were driven by robust demand in the market and the ability to cater to that demand supported by lower fuel prices.

During the December 2024 quarter, the airline's yield fell 1 per cent to ₹5.43 while unit passenger revenue inched up 0.3 per cent to ₹4.72.

At the end of December, the company had a total cash balance of ₹43,780.8 crore.



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“The penetration of air travel is still relatively low in India and this gives us confidence on growth waves



Pieter Elbers, IndiGo CEO

AI Express will fly direct to Hindon from B'luru in March

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Ghaziabad: With less than three months left for Noida International Airport to start commercial operations, the Hindon civil terminal in Ghaziabad will now see Air India Express launching flights from there to key destinations.

On March 1 and 2, the airline is set to launch commercial flight services to Kolkata, Goa, and Bengaluru. While Hindon will serve as the connecting terminal between Kolkata and Goa, there will be a direct flight service to Bengaluru, officials said.

According to Umesh Yadav, the director of Hindon civil terminal, AI Express—a subsidiary of Tata-owned Air India—will operate daily flights on these routes, with each aircraft capable of accommodating over 180 passengers. Bookings, they said, are open for all destinations.

The airline's schedule includes a two-hour morning flight from Kolkata, arriving at Hindon at 9.30am. This aircraft will then leave for Goa at



The flight will depart from Bengaluru at 12.40pm and reach Ghaziabad at 3.15pm

10.30am and land there at 1.15pm. The return journey from Goa will begin at 2pm, reaching Hindon at 4.40pm and making its final leg to Kolkata at 5.20pm.

The Bengaluru route will launch on March 2. It will see the flight departing from the Karnataka capital at 12.40pm and reaching Hindon at 3.15pm. The return flight is scheduled for 3.45pm, arriving in Bengaluru at 6.35pm.

This expansion of operations follows legal challenges posed by Delhi International Airport Limited. The GMR-led consortium had approached the Delhi high court in Oct 2023, arguing that commercial operations from Hindon would have a potential impact on IGI Airport's viability.