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आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर उड़ान संचालन हो सकता है प्रभावित

नई दिल्ली | आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर 26 अप्रैल से 4 मई तक मौसम में बदलाव के कारण उड़ान संचालन प्रभावित हो सकता है। मौसम विभाग ने इस दौरान पूर्वी हवाओं का पूर्वानुमान जारी किया है। एयरपोर्ट संचालन संस्था डायल ने एडवाइजरी जारी की है, जिसमें यात्रियों से अपनी उड़ानों की ताजा जानकारी के लिए एयरलाइंस से संपर्क करने की अपील की गई है। >

मौसम विभाग के अनुसार, पूर्वी हवाएं रनवे 09 और 11 आर के उड़ान पथ को प्रभावित कर सकती हैं, जिससे प्रति घंटे केवल 32 उड़ानें ही उतर पाएंगी। सामान्य समय में यह संख्या 42 होती है। इससे उड़ानों में देरी या रद्द होने की आशंका है। डायल ने एयरलाइंस और एयर ट्रेफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) के साथ मिलकर उड़ान कार्यक्रमों को समायोजित करने की योजना बनाई है।



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B'LURU AIRPORT FIRST IN ASIA TO EARN LEVEL 5 CARBON TAG

Bengaluru, Apr 24: Kempegowda International Airport was presented with the Level 5 Accreditation at the recently concluded Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific & Middle East Regional Assembly.

Incidentally, it is the first in Asia to receive Level 5 Accreditation under ACI's Airport Carbon Accreditation programme, effective from May 5, 2024. The assembly was held in New Delhi from April 15 to 17. In a statement issued by Bangalore International Airport Ltd on Thursday, it was stated that Bengaluru Airport earned the Level 5 Accreditation for achieving a 95.6 per cent reduction in Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions enabling it to reach net-zero status (Scope 1 and 2) seven years ahead of its 2030 goal. Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions represent direct and indirect emissions.

— PTI



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THE FINANCIAL EXPRESS

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Easterly winds may disrupt flights, says Delhi airport



FLIGHT OPERATIONS at the Delhi airport might be affected by easterly winds expected

between April 26 and May 4, airport operator DIAL said on Friday. In recent weeks, the Indira Gandhi International Airport had seen flight delays due to air traffic congestion, closure of one runway. **FE BUREAU & AGENCIES**



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MUMBAI

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NMIA to be 1st airport with water taxi service

Prajakta Pol

NAVI MUMBAI

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has directed the development of multi-modal connectivity for the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), which will include a water taxi service. This will make it the first international airport in India with such a

facility. The CM also emphasised the need for eco-friendly, prosperous cities, highlighting the importance of multi-modal transport and greater use of solar energy, with Navi Mumbai's planning body CIDCO playing a key role. The CM also emphasised the need for essential facilities at NMIA, including parking system and aircraft maintenance services.



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THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

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FLIGHTS AT IGI TO BE AFFECTED TILL MAY 4 DUE TO CHANGE IN WINDS

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NEW DELHI: Flight operations at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport may be affected from April 26 to May 4 due to a change in wind direction, which is expected to shift to easterlies, the airport operator Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) announced on Friday. Passengers are advised to check with airlines for potential impacts, starting Saturday.

The airport has faced severe flight delays and diversions since the closure of runway 28/10 on April 8 for an upgrade to its landing system. The remaining three runways are also impacted by the wind direction. When easterly winds prevail, departures are limited to two runways (09 and 11L), with arrivals confined to just one (11R) due to the orientation of the runways.

Since Wednesday, wind direction had been predominantly westerly, allowing for relatively smooth operations.



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THE HINDU

CHENNAI

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IN BRIEF



CISF takes over security of Lengpui airport in Mizoram

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) took over the security of Mizoram's Lengpui Airport on Thursday. Lengpui became the 69th airport in India to come under the protection of the national civil aviation security force. The CISF said it would work closely with local authorities and other stakeholders to develop and implement advanced security protocols that were effective, convenient and people-friendly. "These enhanced measures aim to provide passengers with a secure and seamless travel experience, while proactively addressing emerging threats such as terrorism, smuggling and other unlawful activities," it said.



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PIONEER

DELHI

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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट को जोड़ने वाले दो मार्गों का निर्माण शुरू

● **झांझर भाईपुर अंडरपास मार्ग अब 10 मीटर की चौड़ाई में बनेगा**

पायनियर समाचार सेवा | नोएडा

यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे को नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट से जोड़ने वाला झांझर भाईपुर अंडरपास मार्ग अब 10 मीटर की चौड़ाई में बनेगा। जिसमें तकरीबन 11 करोड़ रुपए की धनराशि खर्च होगी।

इस परियोजना का जेवर के विधायक धीरेन्द्र सिंह ने ग्रामीणों के संग फौता काटकर शुभारंभ किया। इस मार्ग के चौड़ीकरण के बाद जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर के साथ-साथ जनपद बुलंदशहर के भी लगभग सैकड़ों ग्रामों को आवागमन में



सहूलियत मिलेगी। इस मार्ग को लोक निर्माण विभाग द्वारा बनाया जाएगा। इसी प्रकार जेवर रबपुरा मार्ग के जर्जर होने की वजह से विगत कई माह से ग्रामीणों को आवागमन में हो रही समस्या को देखते हुए 1 करोड़ 15 लाख रुपए की धनराशि से इस मार्ग का शुभारंभ कराया गया। मार्गों के शुभारंभ के मौके पर जेवर के विधायक श्री

धीरेन्द्र सिंह ने कहा कि किसी भी देश के विकास में सड़क, बिजली, पानी महत्वपूर्ण होती हैं। सड़कों की बेहतर कनेक्टिविटी से इसका सीधा असर अर्थव्यवस्था पर पड़ता है, जिससे जिला और प्रदेश का विकास तेजी से आगे बढ़ता है। बेहतर सड़कों से ही नागरिकों की सुविधा बढ़ती है तथा विद्यार्थियों को स्कूलों, कॉलेजों और अन्य शिक्षण संस्थाओं में पहुंचने में आसानी होती है।

जेवर के विधायक श्री धीरेन्द्र सिंह ने आगे कहा कि उत्तर प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ के नेतृत्व में पूरे प्रदेश में वर्ल्ड क्लास सड़कें बनी हैं। इस मौके पर जेवर के विधायक धीरेन्द्र सिंह ने ग्राम महमदपुर जादीन और नगला हुकम सिंह में जनसंवाद के माध्यम से ग्रामीणों की जनसमस्या जानी तथा समस्याओं के निराकरण के



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RAJASTHAN PATRIKA

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उत्तर बिहार में व्यापार और पर्यटन का क्षेत्र होगा विकसित

दरभंगा: हवाईअड्डे को अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डा बनाने की कवायद तेज

दरभंगा @ पत्रिका. बिहार में उड़ान योजना के तहत बने दरभंगा हवाईअड्डे को अब अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डा बनाने की कवायद तेज हो गई है। दरभंगा हवाईअड्डे के अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डा बनने से उत्तर बिहार में व्यापार और पर्यटन का क्षेत्र विकसित होगा। इसके साथ ही बड़े पैमाने पर रोजगार के नए अवसर पैदा होंगे, जिससे बिहार के विकास को नई गति मिलेगी।

भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण द्वारा दरभंगा हवाईअड्डे को अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डा बनाने के लिए रनवे के विस्तार को आवश्यक बताते हुए 90 एकड़ भूमि मांगी गई थी जिसके अधिग्रहण की प्रक्रिया राज्य सरकार ने शुरू कर दी है। राज्य सरकार ने इसके लिए स्वीकृत 245 करोड़ रुपये की राशि जिला प्रशासन दरभंगा को हस्तांतरित कर दी है।

जनता दल यूनाइटेड के राष्ट्रीय कार्यकारी अध्यक्ष एवं सांसद संजय कुमार झा ने बताया कि बिहार के मुख्य सचिव अमृत लाल मीणा ने केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के सचिव को पुनः पत्र लिख कर यह जानकारी दी है और दरभंगा हवाईअड्डे को अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डा के रूप में अपग्रेड करने की प्रक्रिया तेज करने का अनुरोध किया है। दरभंगा हवाईअड्डा से यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों की संख्या में तेजी से वृद्धि हो रही है। वहीं, कई नई विमान सेवा प्रदाता कम्पनियों ने फ्लाइट सर्विस भी शुरू हुआ है। पत्र में स्पष्ट किया गया है कि इस प्रक्रिया में बिहार सरकार हर जरूरी सहयोग के लिए प्रतिक्रम है। इससे पहले सितंबर 2024 में भी दरभंगा हवाईअड्डे को अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डा बनाने के लिए केंद्र को पत्र लिखा गया था।



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THE STATESMAN

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CISF expands its footprint in Mizoram, takes over Lengpui Airport security

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In a move to enhance aviation security in the country's North-East, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has officially taken over the security of Mizoram's Lengpui Airport, the state's lone domestic airport.

On Thursday, with the

induction of the CISF, the Lengpui Airport became the 69th airport in the country to come under the protection of the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF), which is also a national civil aviation security force.

The deployment also marks a significant milestone for the CISF as its first-ever unit is going to be established

in the northeastern state.

The CISF brings with it 25 years of expertise in aviation security, significantly enhancing the safety framework of this strategically important airport.

A formal ceremony was held on Thursday at the airport, marking this significant development where Anil Shukla, IPS, DGP Mizoram

Police, Vijay Prakash, IPS, Inspector General CISF/ APS-I HQr, New Delhi, Deepak Verma, DIG AP (E&NE) HQr, Kolkata, Lalrohluva, Director Aviation, P.U Saidenga, Airport Director, Lengpui, and other officials were also present.

The decision to station the CISF at the airport aligns with the Central govern-

ment's broader initiative to strengthen security across civil aviation facilities nationwide.

As the primary air gateway to Mizoram—popularly known as the "Land of Mountains"—Lengpui Airport has witnessed a steady rise in passenger traffic, and this growth has underscored the need for a dedicated and

specialized security force to ensure the safety of travelers and airport operations.

In addition to their core security responsibilities, CISF personnel will work closely with local authorities and other stakeholders to develop and implement advanced security protocols that are effective, convenient and people friendly.



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

BANGALORE

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Kashmiri students abandon hostels, spend night at airport

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Dehradun: Six Kashmiri students sat outside the locked doors of Jolly Grant airport in Dehradun, under dim floodlights and the half-watch of two security guards in the quiet hours before dawn on Thursday. They had arrived around 3:30am, fleeing their hostel in panic after watching a video in which a man warned that all Kashmiri Muslims must leave Uttarakhand by 10am or face "treatment". They waited until the terminal opened two hours later, sleepless and unsure of what to do next, before they made their escape.

The man in the video, Lalit Sharma of Hindu Raksha Dal, issued a deadline and said, "We will start from Dehradun... We won't wait for govt response... We have enough." His message spread quickly, amplified by social media, and reached hostels and WhatsApp groups. For Kashmiri students, already living in the uneasy shadow after the terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam, the threat was real.

One of the students, enrolled in a paramedic programme at a private institute, said the sense of danger began earlier that day. "A faculty member came to our room in the afternoon. He said there was an input that some people might come looking for us Thursday." The suggestion was to move to a 'safe house'. But as the hours passed, and the video circulated widely, fear eclipsed caution. The students called the college CEO, booked flights, and hired a taxi to the airport. They did not even stop to pack thoroughly.

By Thursday afternoon, nearly 20 more Kashmiri students had arrived at the airport, most of them having arranged their own departures. "Our exams were over anyway," the student said, adding, "Summer vacation is starting. We are not coming back anytime soon." None of them wanted to be named.

This wasn't the first time Kashmiri students in Dehradun had felt exposed, but this time the danger had a face, a name, and a ticking deadline.



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

MUMBAI

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Passengers face cab fare dispute at Mum airport

Mumbai: Passengers experienced a verbal altercation with Ola Cab drivers at the T2 international airport on Thursday evening as the drivers refused to accept the fares displayed on the passengers' mobile app.

A passenger stated that when he first booked the cab the price was Rs 950, however, he was asked to rebook by the driver who said the cab would not ply at that rate. When he rebooked it the rate had increased to Rs 1,600. The passenger noticed that his was not the only case, and there were a few others arguing with drivers at the airport. TNN



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AMAR UJALA

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इंडिगो ने कुछ विदेशी रूट पर 10 दिन स्थगित कीं उड़ानें

नई दिल्ली। पाकिस्तानी वायु क्षेत्र को भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों के लिए बंद किए जाने का असर अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों पर पड़ने लगा है। इंडिगो ने अल्माती के लिए अपनी उड़ानें 27 अप्रैल से 7 मई जबकि ताशकंद के लिए 28 अप्रैल से 7 मई तक बंद कर दी है। वायु क्षेत्र बंद होने का सबसे अधिक असर एअर इंडिया और इंडिगो पर पड़ा है, क्योंकि भारत के लिए



उड़ानें संचालित करने वाली विदेश कंपनियों के लिए यह वायुक्षेत्र बंद नहीं है। दूसरे शब्दों में, एअर इंडिया और

इंडिगो की उड़ानें तो अब पाकिस्तान के बदले अरब सागर के ऊपर से पहले ईरान और उसके बाद आगे यूरोप या अमेरिका की यात्रा करेंगी जबकि अन्य कंपनियों के विमान ईरान से सीधे पाकिस्तान होते हुए दिल्ली पहुंचेंगे। इससे भारतीय कंपनियों के विमानों को कम से कम 40 मिनट अतिरिक्त यात्रा करनी होगी। इस बीच, पाकिस्तान के फंसले से पश्चिमी देशों से आने वाली भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों के उड़ान पर असर पड़ना शुरू हो गया है। पश्चिम एशिया से आने वाली उड़ानें एक से तीन घंटे की देर से पहुंचेंगी जबकि यूरोप व अमेरिका से आने वाली एअर इंडिया की उड़ानों में डेढ़ घंटे से लेकर छह घंटे तक की देरी हुई। लंदन से एअर इंडिया की उड़ान संख्या एआई 112 साढ़े तीन घंटे देर से आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर लैंड हुई। ब्यूरो

Indian airlines work on strategies to cut losses as Pak shuts airspace

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

With Pakistan closing its airspace for India-based airlines, carriers have started to implement strategies to cut their losses.

Many of these strategies have evolved from the experience of 2019 when the airspace had remained closed for a few months in the aftermath of the Balakot air strikes by the Indian Air Force.

At that time, large international operators like Air India had taken massive losses of ₹3-6 crore a day.

The industry, as a whole, is estimated to have lost around ₹700 crore during that period.

The Pakistan air corridor is vital for Indian airlines, especially for west-bound flights from northern cities like Delhi to Europe, West and Central Asia, and even to the US.

Speaking to *businessline*, senior industry representatives said the basic playbook of 2019 would be applied with refinements.

This entails creating technical stops, clubbing flights



EXPLORING OPTIONS. Airlines are looking at technical stops, alternative routes and facilities

and using alternative facilities, such as the newly-renovated Ahmedabad airport, the Bengaluru airport, and the upcoming Navi Mumbai airport.

Accordingly, flights from North India to the US and Europe will be diverted over Mumbai and then northwards over the Arabian Sea through the United Arab Emirates airspace.

STOPS FOR REFUELLING Additionally, sources told *businessline* that Air India is expected to create technical stops for refuelling in Vienna and Copenhagen.

Sources said IndiGo's multi-hub policy, as well as more direct connections from various points across

the country to the Gulf states, will insulate it from any major impact. Still, industry insiders estimate a rise in airfares and losses for India-based airlines.

But on an overall basis, the development of airport infrastructure and extensive domestic air networks of carriers will help in mitigating the impact on the industry, sources said.

"Nowadays, passengers opt for flights from places like Lucknow, Delhi, Bengaluru to Kochi or elsewhere and then to West Asian destinations. We can see easily see flights to Europe and the US operated this way," another airline representative said.



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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

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Closure of Pakistan's airspace to hurt India-based airlines

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

Pakistan's decision to close its airspace to Indian-based airlines is expected to deal a financial as well as operational blow to the sector.

The development assumes significance as Pakistan's airspace is a vital corridor for Indian airlines, especially for west-bound flights from northern cities like Delhi to Europe, the Middle East, Central Asia, and even to the US. Speaking to *businessline*,

industry insiders estimated a rise in airfares and losses for India-based airlines.

"Its closure forces carriers to take longer alternative routes, increasing flight times and fuel cost, particularly impacting long-haul routes to the West," Jagannarayan Padmanabhan, Senior Director, Crisil Market Intelligence, told *businessline*.

"Some US-bound flights may see additional fuel stops and extended travel times, pushing up operational expenses considerably." According to aviation in-



dustry veteran Manoj Chacko, other routes that do not depend on Pakistan's airspace can be used by India-based airlines for international journeys.

"Flight dispatchers need to plan smartly," Chacko, who also runs regional airline Fly91 as its MD and CEO, told *businessline*.

"While flights to the Middle East, Europe and the US may not be a big challenge, flights to the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) countries would be a challenge," he added.

FINANCIAL BURDEN

Pointing out that Air India and IndiGo will be most affected by the closure of Pakistan's airspace, Mark D

Martin, CEO of Martin Consulting, said: "By conservative estimates, we expect ticket prices to rise by a minimum of 35 per cent to destinations in the Middle East and by over 40 per cent to destinations in Europe in addition to higher carbon emissions and fuel burn."

Air India said some of its flights to or from North America, the UK, Europe, and the Middle East will take an alternative extended route.

Meanwhile, IndiGo said that a few of its international flights have been impacted.



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DECCAN HERALD

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Longer routes, fare hike: Pak airspace curbs to impact flights

NEW DELHI/ MUMBAI, PTI: International flights, especially from Delhi and other northern cities, will take a longer time to reach their destinations, and fares are also likely to rise in the near term, with Pakistan closing its airspace for Indian airlines.

Air India and IndiGo on Thursday said some of their international flights have been impacted by the Pakistan airspace closure, with the Tata Group-owned airline mentioning that its flights connecting North America, the UK, Europe, and the Middle East are likely to take an alternative extended route.

Apart from IndiGo and Air India, Air India Express and SpiceJet also have international operations.

Alternative routes

All west-bound flights flying from north Indian cities, including Delhi, will be impacted by the closure. These flights will have to take alternative routes that will be longer over the Arabian Sea, according to senior airline officials.

With alternative routes, flight durations will increase, which, in turn, will push the fuel burn and operational expenses. As a result, airfares are expected to go up as airlines might pass on the higher costs to the passengers.

पाकिस्तानी एयर स्पेस बंद होने से दो देशों की उड़ानें रद

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नई दिल्ली: पाकिस्तान की ओर से अपने एयर स्पेस के इस्तेमाल पर प्रतिबंध का असर भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों पर दिखने लगा है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्गों की उड़ानें रद होनी शुरू हो गई हैं। इंडिगो ने कजाकिस्तान की राजधानी अलमाटी और उज्बेकिस्तान की राजधानी ताशकंद के लिए उड़ानें रद कर दी हैं। अलमाटी के लिए 27 अप्रैल से 7 मई और ताशकंद के लिए 28 अप्रैल से 7 मई तक की उड़ानें रद रहेंगी। इंडिगो प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि हम अपने ग्राहकों से अपेक्षा करते हैं कि वे इस स्थिति को समझेंगे।

इस प्रतिबंध का असर यूरोप, खाड़ी देशों, मध्य एशिया और अमेरिका से आने वाली उड़ानों पर भी पड़ रहा है। इन उड़ानों को अब अरब सागर में प्रवेश करने के बाद गुजरात, राजस्थान, हरियाणा होते हुए नई दिल्ली में दाखिल होना पड़ा रहा है। यूरोप, खाड़ी देशों, मध्य एशिया व अमेरिका से आने वाली उड़ानें अब विलंब की चपेट में आ रही हैं। शुक्रवार को

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ऐसे बढ़ गई दूरी

बाकू व नई दिल्ली के बीच चलने वाली इंडिगो की उड़ान पहले कैस्पियन सागर, ईरान, अफगानिस्तान, पाकिस्तान होते हुए भारत में प्रवेश कर पहले राजस्थान फिर हरियाणा होते हुए नई दिल्ली में दाखिल हो जाती थी। अब इसी उड़ान को बाकू से कैस्पियन सागर

के बाद ईरान में प्रवेश करना पड़ता है। उत्तर से दक्षिण तक पूरे ईरान को लांघने के बाद विमान सीधा अरब सागर के रास्ते भारतीय सीमा में दाखिल होता है। गुजरात, राजस्थान, हरियाणा होते हुए नई दिल्ली में प्रवेश करता है। यह दूरी पहले से 30 प्रतिशत अधिक है।

कई उड़ानें तो छह-छह घंटे विलंब से पहुंचीं। एअर इंडिया की न्यूयार्क से नई दिल्ली आ रही उड़ान संख्या एआइ 102 चार घंटे विलंबित रही। शिकागो से नई दिल्ली पहुंची एअर इंडिया की उड़ान संख्या एआइ 126

के आगमन में पांच घंटे का विलंब हुआ। सेनफ्रांसिस्को से नई दिल्ली आ रही उड़ान के आगमन में छह घंटे का विलंब हुआ। लंदन से एअर इंडिया की जिस उड़ान संख्या एआइ 112 आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट

पर बृहस्पतिवार देर रात 3:10 बजे लैंडिंग करनी थी, वह सुबह करीब पाँचे सात बजे पहुंची। पेरिस से आ रही एअर इंडिया की उड़ान संख्या 142 को शुक्रवार सुबह 8.35 बजे लैंडिंग करनी थी, यह करीब 10 बजे पहुंची। विएना, एम्सटर्डम, फ्रैंकफर्ट की उड़ानों के आगमन में विलंब की स्थिति रही। दुबई, शारजाह, जेद्दा, अबूधाबी, बहरीन से आ रही उड़ानों में एक से तीन घंटे का विलंब देखने को मिला। उधर, अजरबैजान की बात करें तो इसकी राजधानी बाकू से नई दिल्ली की उड़ान के आगमन में साढ़े तीन घंटे का विलंब रहा। इसी तरह जार्जिया की राजधानी तिब्लिसी की उड़ान नई दिल्ली करीब पांच घंटे की देरी से पहुंची।

जारी हुई एडवाइजरी: विमानन कंपनियों ने भी यात्रियों व उनके स्वजन को वस्तुस्थिति से अवगत कराते हुए एडवाइजरी जारी की। इंडिगो ने कहा कि रिबुकिंग या रिफंड के लिए कस्टमर केयर से बात कर सकते हैं। एअर इंडिया ने बताया कि कि वैकल्पिक मार्ग अपनाने से यात्रा का समय बढ़ रहा है।



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IndiGo names former FAA administrator as independent director

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NEW DELHI

InterGlobe Aviation, the parent of the country's largest airline IndiGo announced the appointment of former administrator US FAA and pilot Whitaker as an Independent Director.

Whitaker's appointment, which is subject to regulatory and shareholders' approvals, comes as the term of Venkataramani Sumantran as an Independent Director ends on May 27.



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Pak shuts its airspace for Indian airlines

Retired Brigadier Inderjit Singh Chugh on Thursday said that Pakistan's retaliatory steps following India's actions were expected, but signify an escalation in bilateral tensions. "PM Modi has given a clear warning to Pakistan but today's development is that Pak-



istan's Cabinet Committee, in retaliation for India's decision, decided that they will close the Attari-Wagah border. Pakistan's airspace has been shut for Indian airlines..." Notably, Pakistan has started to feel the heat after India announced a slew of measures against Pakistan after the horrific Pahalgam terror attack, which resulted in the deaths of 25 Indians and 1 Nepali citizen.



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विमान सेवाओं पर हवा की दिशा बदलने से असर पड़ेगा

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। राजधानी में हवा की दिशा एक बार फिर बदलने के चलते विमान सेवाओं पर अगले एक सप्ताह तक असर पड़ सकता है। इसे लेकर दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट एवं एयरलाइंस कंपनियों द्वारा तैयारी की जा रही है। लेकिन इसके बावजूद इसका असर विमान सेवाओं पर देखने को मिल सकता है। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट ने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म एक्स पर लिखा है कि यात्री अपनी विमान कंपनी से समय को लेकर जानकारी पहले अवश्य जुटा लें।

दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट की तरफ से कहा गया है कि मौसम विभाग ने हवा की दिशा को लेकर जो जानकारी दी है, उससे आने वाले दिनों में परेशानी बढ़ सकती है। भारतीय मौसम विभाग द्वारा कहा गया है कि 26 अप्रैल से लेकर 4 मई तक पूर्वी दिशा से हवा चलने की संभावना है। अगर ऐसा होता है तो उसका सीधा असर दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट की विमान सेवाओं पर देखने को मिलेगा। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट द्वारा इस परेशानी को कम करने के लिए एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल

एवं एयरलाइंस कंपनियों के साथ रणनीति बनाई जा रही है। उनका प्रयास है कि विमान सेवाओं पर इसका असर कम से कम पड़े। एयरपोर्ट सूत्रों ने बताया कि आमतौर पर इस समय पश्चिमी दिशा से हवा चलती थी। ऐसे में एक घंटे के भीतर लगभग 42 विमान रनवे पर आसानी से उतर जाते हैं। लेकिन पूर्वी दिशा से हवा चलने पर एक घंटे में केवल 32 विमान ही रनवे पर उतर पाते हैं। इसकी वजह से दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर उतरने वाले विमानों की कतार लग जाती है और इसका असर उड़ान भरने वाले विमानों पर भी देखने को मिलता है। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट ने यात्रियों से अपील की है कि वह विमानों की उड़ान से संबंधित जानकारी के लिए एयरलाइंस के संपर्क में रहें। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट की तरफ से यात्रियों को संदेश दिया गया है कि उनकी सुरक्षा पहली प्राथमिकता है। इसे ध्यान में रखते हुए एयरपोर्ट पर मौजूद विभिन्न एजेंसियों के साथ मिलकर काम किया जा रहा है। उन्हें उम्मीद है कि वह यात्रियों की परेशानी कम करने में कामयाब रहेंगे।



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IndiGo cancels flights as Pak closes airspace

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NEW DELHI: IndiGo on Friday said it will temporarily suspend flights to Tashkent and Almaty in Kazakhstan, citing operational challenges due to the closure of Pakistan's airspace for Indian carriers.

The development comes a day after Pakistan closed its airspace to Indian-registered aircraft part of Islamabad's response to India's diplomatic curbs on Pakistan announced on Wednesday in retaliation to the Pahalgam terrorist attack that killed 26 people. The restriction, officiated by the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA), has severely impact flight operations of aircraft flying to western destinations from northern India.

"Due to the closure of Pakistan's airspace, (about) 50

international routes operated by IndiGo will require longer sectors and hence may be subject to some slight schedule adjustments. With the same restrictions and limited rerouting options, unfortunately Almaty and Tashkent are outside the operational range of IndiGo's current fleet. Hence flights to Almaty stand cancelled from April 27 until at least May 7 and to Tashkent from April 28 until May 7, 2025," IndiGo's statement read.

While Air India has yet to cancel or reschedule any flights, a spokesperson for the airline said that their non-stop flight North America will now take longer routes.

Experts believe that the extended flight durations and increased fuel consumption could drive up airfares by 30-40% for upcoming bookings.



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Brace for longer flights to Gulf, Europe and the U.S. as Pakistan shuts its airspace

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Pakistan's decision to close its airspace for all Indian airlines will force domestic carriers to take a longer route to destinations in the Gulf region, Europe, the U.K. and North America that will likely lead to a spike in airfares.

The National Security Committee of Pakistan decided to close Pakistan airspace for all Indian-owned or operated airlines, according to a media statement issued by the Pakistan Prime Minister's Office.

The restriction also includes aircraft leased by Indian airlines as well as military flights, according to a

notice to airmen that followed. The NOTAM is valid until May 23.

"It is expected that some Air India flights to or from North America, UK, Europe, and Middle East will take an alternative extended route," Air India said in a post on X.

IndiGo said some international flights may be impacted due to the closure of Pakistani airspace. The airline cancelled its flights to Almaty and Tashkent on Thursday.

Some flights already en route and scheduled to operate via Pakistani airspace had to stop for refuelling because of the longer flight path.

The impact on re-rout-

ing could lead to an increase in flight duration of up to 20 minutes for some destinations in West Asia, and up to 90 minutes for those in the U.S. resulting in more fuel burn and higher airfares.

On February 26, 2019, too Pakistan had shut its airspace for all airlines in the aftermath of the Pulwama terror attack during which 40 CRPF soldiers were killed and the Indian Air Force (IAF) carried out air strikes in retaliation in Balakot, Pakistan. While it gradually removed restrictions for carriers of other countries, the ban was withdrawn for Indian airlines five months later on July 16.



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INDIAN CARRIERS WORKING TO ADJUST FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Pak airspace closure may impact over 800 weekly flights of Indian airlines

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WITH PAKISTAN CLOSING its airspace to Indian airlines from Thursday evening, over 800 flights a week are likely to be impacted by longer flight times, increased fuel burn, and a few other complexities related to crew and flight scheduling, all of which would increase operational costs.

The initial impact is already visible with Indian airlines' flights from North India to West Asia, the Caucasus, Europe, the UK, and North America's eastern region switching from their routine paths to longer routes, adding anywhere between 15 minutes to a few hours to the journey, depending on the distance and the location of the destination.

Meanwhile, the Indian carriers are working to adjust their schedules to factor in the ban from Pakistani airspace. On Friday, IndiGo announced the suspension of its daily flights from Delhi to Almaty and Tashkent in Central Asia from April 27 and April 28 until "at least" May 7.

The airline said that with the airspace restrictions imposed by Pakistan and limited rerouting options, both the Central Asian cities are now outside the operational range of its existing fleet of narrow-body aircraft. IndiGo added that the closure of Pakistani airspace would affect 50 of its international routes, which may re-

KEY AIRLINES ANNOUNCE ROUTE CHANGES



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quire schedule adjustments. All major Indian airlines operate international flights to destinations to the west of the country. Many of these flights were routinely flying over Pakistan. Air India operates flights to West Asia, Europe, the UK, and North America, while IndiGo operates flights to West Asia, Turkey, the Caucasus, and Central Asia. Air India Express, Akasa Air, and SpiceJet's west-bound international flights are to destinations in West Asia.

According to data from Cirium, an aviation analytics company, currently there are almost 400 weekly westward international departures from North Indian airports—Delhi, Amritsar, Jaipur, and Lucknow—that were routinely flying over Pakistan. Given that all these flights have return legs, the total number of affected flights

goes up to around 800 from these airports. Of these, around 640 flights are from or to India's largest airport—Delhi's Indira Gandhi International airport—which is likely to be the most affected due to the move by Pakistan. Additionally, a handful of ultra-long-haul flights from other Indian cities like Mumbai are also getting impacted as their flight paths used to go through the Pakistani airspace.

In fact, flight tracking data shows that some of Air India's ultra-long-haul flights to and from North America had to take technical halts—planned stops for refueling or crew change—at European airports like Copenhagen and Vienna on Friday, breaking the journey of the otherwise non-stop flights. These included the airline's Delhi-

Washington and Delhi-New York flights, both of which took a stopover in Vienna, and its Delhi-Chicago, Delhi-Toronto, Delhi-Newark, Mumbai-New York, and Vancouver-Delhi flights, which took a halt in Copenhagen. The airline had announced on Thursday that some of its international flights "will take an alternative extended route" in view of the airspace closure by Pakistan.

The last time when Pakistan closed its airspace for an extended period—in 2019 following the Balakot airstrikes by the Indian Air Force—some of Air India's flights to North America had to take technical halts midway on a regular basis. Air India has so far not commented on whether such halts on the ultra-long-haul flights will now be a routine occurrence.

These are still early days and airlines are busy chalking out their schedules to adjust to this new reality. According to industry insiders, while it is still too early to assess the impact, the airlines' costs are bound to rise, which could translate into higher airfares for passengers. Additionally, airlines from other countries will get cost and time advantage over Indian airlines as the Pakistani airspace remains open for them.

All this is forcing Indian airlines to adjust their schedules, and could even lead to them suspending flights to a few destinations where it may be operationally or financially unviable to operate flights that circumvent the

Pakistani airspace, like IndiGo's flights to Almaty and Tashkent.

According to sources in airlines, flight schedules are being worked on, and the carriers could soon announce changes to their schedules and even their networks to provide clarity and schedule stability to flyers. Indian carriers have so far not commented on the likely financial impact of Pakistan's move and a clearer picture of the impact—financial as well as operational—is likely to emerge over the next few days.

When Pakistan closed its airspace for over four months in 2019, Indian airlines are estimated to have lost around Rs 700 crore due to higher fuel expenses and operational complications that came with longer routes many of their flights were forced to take. Air India was the worst affected Indian carrier at the time, as it operated more west-bound international flights than other airlines.

Moreover, it was and continues to be the only Indian airline that operates long-haul and ultra-long-haul flights to Europe and North America. Since then, other Indian airlines—particularly IndiGo—have also expanded their international networks to include various destinations that can be served by their existing fleets that mainly comprises narrow-body jets. IndiGo is the only Indian airline that currently flies to destinations in Central Asia, the Caucasus, and Turkey.

LONGER ROUTE

FLIGHTS FLY OVER ARABIAN SEA AS PAK CLOSES AIR SPACE

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PAKISTAN'S closure of its airspace to Indian flights has forced these flights to take a longer route to reach their destinations in North America, the UK, Europe and the Middle East.

Passengers will be forced to spend a longer time inside their flights and reach their destinations late. Fare hikes are likely but until Friday night no airline was ready to comment on this matter.

Meanwhile, Indigo has cancelled its routes to Almaty in Kazakhstan and Tashkent in Uzbekistan until May 7.

A Civil Aviation Ministry source told this newspaper, "Flights will now have to take the route over the Arabian Sea. There is no other option. It will definitely take much longer for passengers and cost overheads for airlines before the destinations are reached."

The longish route to be taken and the fuel cost involved have not found much favour with the airlines, the source said. "Representatives of airlines have been busy lobbying with the Civil Aviation ministry seeking incentives to operate international flights along the extended route," he said.

The same was done by the airlines after the Pulwama attacks in 2019 when Pakistan closed its airspace, he added. Air India, Indigo, Air India Express, Spice jet and Akasa Air are among the airlines set to be impacted by the move.

A statement from Indigo said, "Due to the closure of Pakistan's airspace, approximately 50 international routes operated by IndiGo will require longer sectors and hence may be subject to some slight schedule adjustments. With the same restrictions and limited rerouting options, unfortunately Almaty and Tashkent are outside the operational range of IndiGo's current fleet." Hence flights to Almaty stand cancelled from 27th of April until at least 7th of May and to Tashkent from 28th of April until 7th May 2025."

A Spicejet spokesperson said, "Our flights to the UAE from North India will operate via alternate routes. As a result, these flights will carry additional fuel to account for the longer flying time."



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Civil Aviation Ministry source

Alternative extended flight route

Urging passengers to expect delays, Air India stated on X: "Due to the announced restriction of Pakistan airspace for all Indian airlines, it is expected that some Air India flights to or from North America, UK, Europe and Middle East will take an alternative extended route."

पाक न जाने से इंटरनैशनल फ्लाइट का रूट लंबा

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भारतीय एयरलाइंस के लिए पाकिस्तानी एयर स्पेस बंद होने का भारत की इंटरनैशनल फ्लाइटों पर प्रतिकूल असर पड़ने लगा है। खास तौर से दिल्ली और इसके आसपास के तमाम इंटरनैशनल एयरपोर्ट से यूके, नॉर्थ अमेरिका, यूरोप और मिडल ईस्ट आने-जाने वाली फ्लाइटों को अब लंबा रूट लेना पड़ रहा है। जो फ्लाइट पहले पाकिस्तानी एयर स्पेस में प्रवेश करते हुए मिडल ईस्ट और आगे लंदन और अमेरिका जाने के लिए अफगानिस्तान, ईरान, तुर्किये, ग्रीस के एयर स्पेस को टच करते हुए अस्ट्रिया होते हुए आगे चली जाती थीं, उन्हें अब दिल्ली से पाकिस्तान ना जाकर गुजरात से अरब सागर के ऊपर से फ्लाई करना पड़ रहा है।

एयरलाइंस का कहना है कि इससे उन्हें ना केवल फ्यूल अधिक लेकर चलना पड़ रहा है, बल्कि लंबी दूरी की फ्लाइटों में क्रू का एक और सेट बढ़ाना पड़ गया है, क्योंकि फ्यूल लेने के लिए रास्ते में एक



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जगह रुकना पड़ रहा है। गुरुवार को अकेले एयर इंडिया की चार फ्लाइटों को रास्ते में तेल लेने के लिए रुकना पड़ा, क्योंकि जब पाकिस्तानी एयर स्पेस बंद होने की घोषणा की गई उस समय तक ये फ्लाइट यूके, अमेरिका और यूरोप से टेक ऑफ कर चुकी थीं।

अल्माटी और ताशकंद के लिए उड़ानें कैसल: इंडिगो एयरलाइंस ने कहा है कि पाकिस्तान के हवाई क्षेत्र के बंद होने से उनकी करीब 50 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को लंबा रास्ता तय करना होगा। इसलिए उनके शेड्यूल में मामूली

बदलाव हो सकते हैं। इन्हीं प्रतिबंधों और मार्ग बदलने के सीमित विकल्पों के कारण अल्माटी के लिए उड़ानें 27 अप्रैल से कम से कम 7 मई तक और ताशकंद के लिए उड़ानें 28 अप्रैल से 7 मई तक के लिए कैसल कर दी गई हैं।

विदेशी एयरलाइंस को तरजीह:

एयर इंडिया भी अपना पूरा फ्लाइट शेड्यूल बना रहा है कि उसकी कितनी फ्लाइट कैसल की जा सकती है और कितनी फ्लाइटों के रूट बढ़ जाएंगे। एयर इंडिया के पूर्व एग्जिक्यूटिव डायरेक्टर जितेंद्र भार्गव ने बताया कि इसमें एक और

किराया और सामान हो सकता है महंगा

जब 2019 में जम्मू-कश्मीर से 370 हटाई गई थी, तब करीब पांच महीनों के लिए पाकिस्तानी एयर स्पेस बंद हुआ था। उस वक्त भारतीय एयरलाइंस को करीब 600 करोड़ रुपये का नुकसान उठाना पड़ा था। इसका असर कार्गो फ्लाइट पर भी पड़ेगा। आने वाले दिनों में फ्लाइट के किराए भी महंगे हो सकते हैं और सामान भी महंगा हो सकता है।

बड़ी समस्या यह भी सामने आ सकती है कि पाकिस्तानी एयर स्पेस बंद करने का फैसला भारतीय एयरलाइंस के लिए है, ना कि विदेशी एयरलाइंस के लिए। ऐसे में कुछ लोग विदेशी एयरलाइंस से अपनी बुकिंग कराने को तरजीह दे सकते हैं।



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इंडिगो ने अल्माटी, ताशकंद की उड़ानें अस्थाई रूप से कीं रद

नई दिल्ली, 25 अप्रैल (एजेंसी): विमानन कंपनी इंडिगो ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि पाकिस्तान का हवाई क्षेत्र बंद होने के कारण उसने अल्माटी और ताशकंद जाने वाली अपनी उड़ानें रद कर दी हैं। हवाई क्षेत्र बंद होने से पश्चिम की ओर उड़ान भरने वाली विभिन्न भारतीय एयरलाइन को लंबे रूट के लिए मजबूर होना पड़ा है और 'नैरो-बॉडी' विमान लंबे

समय तक बिना रुके उड़ान भरने में सक्षम नहीं होते हैं। इंडिगो कंपनी अल्माटी और ताशकंद के लिए 'एयरबस नैरो-बॉडी' विमान संचालित करती है। एयरलाइन ने कहा कि उसके द्वारा संचालित लगभग 50 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को लंबा रास्ता तय करने की आवश्यकता होगी, इसलिए कुछ उड़ानों के संचालन में मामूली बदलाव हो सकता है। इंडिगो के

मुताबिक, अल्माटी के लिए उड़ानें 27 अप्रैल से कम से कम सात मई तक तथा ताशकंद के लिए उड़ानें 28 अप्रैल से कम से कम सात मई तक रद रहेंगी। पहलगाम आतंकी हमले के कारण भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच बढ़ते तनाव के बीच पाकिस्तान ने वीरवार को भारतीय एयरलाइन को अपने हवाई क्षेत्र का उपयोग करने से रोक दिया।

संकट में भी वसूली जारी... राहत के दावे हवा

नहीं सुनी सरकार की, 19 हजार तक पहुंचा श्रीनगर से जयपुर का किराया

जयपुर. पहलगाम में पर्यटकों पर हुए आतंकी हमले के बाद एक तरफ सरकार ने जम्मू-कश्मीर में फंसे लोगों को सुरक्षित निकालने और राहत पहुंचाने के निर्देश दिए हैं। वहीं दूसरी ओर एयरलाइंस कंपनियां संकट के मौके में मुनाफा वसूल रही हैं। वे यात्रियों से श्रीनगर से जयपुर का किराया दो से तीन गुना तक वसूल रही हैं। इससे यात्री खुद को ठगा महसूस कर रहे हैं। हैरानी की बात है कि सरकार ने एयरलाइंस को हवाई किराया न बढ़ाने के स्पष्ट निर्देश दिए थे, लेकिन हकीकत ये है कि न तो किराया नियंत्रित हुआ, न ही एयरलाइंस ने कोई रियायत दी है। देखा जाए तो जयपुर से श्रीनगर का सामान्य किराया (बॉर पर्यटन सीजन के) 6347 रुपए है। हवाई किराए में ऐसा ही अंतर दिल्ली से श्रीनगर के बीच देखा जा रहा है। इस रूट पर किराया कम होने से लोग इसे विकल्प के तौर पर चुन रहे हैं। विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि सरकार को मनमानी पर रोक लगाने के लिए ठोस कदम उठाने चाहिए।

एयरलाइन कंपनियां इतना वसूल रही किराया

दिन	जयपुर से श्रीनगर	श्रीनगर से जयपुर
25 अप्रैल	7270-12987 रु.	17057-19171 रु.
26 अप्रैल	6438-13642 रु.	14156-17786 रु.
27 अप्रैल	6438-18919 रु.	11951-19290 रु.
28 अप्रैल	8720-11178 रु.	9167-12200 रु.
29 अप्रैल	6438-12769 रु.	9434-12147 रु.
30 अप्रैल	9326-13488 रु.	9434-18448 रु.

(एयरलाइन प्रतिनिधि के अनुसार हवाई किराया बिना किसी अतिरिक्त शुल्क के न्यूनतम से अधिकतम)

आपदा में अवसर खोजना गलत

एयरलाइन कंपनियों की मनमानी को लेकर यात्रियों में गुस्सा है। उनका कहना है कि इस समय कश्मीर में पर्यटन सीजन पीक पर है। इस वजह से हवाई टिकट महंगे थे लेकिन इस संकट की घड़ी में उन्हें किराए में राहत देनी चाहिए थी। यों समझे जयपुर से श्रीनगर आने-जाने के किराए

में ही अंतर है। कई यात्रियों ने सोशल साइट्स पर भी अपनी नाराजगी जाहिर की है। उनका कहना है कि एयरलाइंस कंपनियों की मनमानी ने संकट को और गहरा कर दिया। घर सुरक्षित लौटने की मजबूरी में हमारे पास महंगा टिकट लेने के अलावा कोई विकल्प नहीं था।



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Air India, IndiGo issue travel advisories after closure of Pak airspace: Airlines like Air India and IndiGo have issued travel advisories for passengers about possible service disruptions after Pakistan closed its airspace to Indian airlines. Air India said due to the newly-imposed restrictions on Pakistani airspace for all Indian carriers, several of its flights to and from North America, the UK, Europe, and the Middle East may need to take longer, alternative routes. IndiGo also issued a travel advisory to its passengers saying a few international flight schedules may be impacted.



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Akasa Air may move its ops to T2

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Ahmedabad: Akasa Air is expected to relocate its operations from Terminal 1 to Terminal 2 of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) airport by the end of the first quarter of the current financial year, sources privy to the development informed TOI. This move is part of a broader initiative to streamline operations and optimise passenger flow, especially as Terminal 2 undergoes major expansion to become an integrated terminal catering to both domestic and international flights.

Currently, domestic operations of carriers including Star Air, Alliance Air, and SpiceJet operate from Terminal 2.

“While the domestic terminal sees a high footfall due to strong connectivity across Indian destinations, the international terminal is mostly busy during night hours. Its underuse during the day has prompted this realignment,” said a source familiar with the development. With the expansion and upgradation work at T2 nearing completion, the airport authorities are looking to enhance passenger experience through improved facilities, better connectivity, and seamless operations.

The transition is expected to align with the next phase of development, allowing for more efficient use of terminal space and services.

Pak closes airspace for Indian carriers

Longer Routes, Cancellations And Delays Loom Large

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New Delhi: Aircraft operated by Indian carriers, charter operators and private jets registered here will have to take longer routes between North India and the west (Gulf, Middle East, CIS, Europe and North America) with Pakistan having closed its airspace for them starting Thursday 6pm (IST).

Pilots say flying times of Air India's direct flights from Delhi to North America could increase by up to two hours if they remain non-stop and are not required to take a midway fuelling halt, say in Europe. If that happens, the journey could take up to four hours longer.

Delhi-Europe flights could take up to an hour more and those to Gulf 30-45 minutes, say pilots. Some flights will be cancelled and a few rescheduled to beat night curfews at western airports. IndiGo routes flights between Delhi and Tashkent/Almaty will take 80-90 minutes longer. IndiGo cancelled its Almaty and Tashkent flights Thursday. Its Sharjah-Amritsar had to change course on Thursday to avoid Pakistan airspace. International flights between rest of the country and the west won't be impacted as they

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Since Oct 7, 2023 | Iran-Israel conflict has often impacted Iran, Iraq & Jordan airspace

Since Feb 2022 | Russia no fly zone for western airlines

Since Aug 2021 | Afghanistan airspace closed for civilian flights

Feb 27-July 16, 2019 | Pakistan airspace closed after Balakot airstrike



NIA searches two hotels in Ferozpur

After Pahalgam terror attack, NIA searched two Ferozpur hotels and the residences of hotel owners Thursday, reportedly in connection with calls made to Pakistan. The searches were conducted at Taj Hotel, a small local establishment, and at City Resorts, as well as residences of Taj Hotel owner Mandeep Singh and City Resorts owner Sardul Singh. NIA teams reportedly seized mobile phones and other electronic gadgets. After the searches, Mandeep said he was questioned about calls made to Pakistan from his mobile, which he claimed were never made. He said his mobile has been confiscated and his laptop checked. NIA team also inspected the hotel rooms. Sardul also confirmed that his resort and residence were searched. He, too, claimed he had never made any calls to Pakistan. TNN

don't overfly Pakistan.

While Pakistan has not barred foreign carriers, countries do their own risk assessment for overflying any region and if they deem the geopolitical situation on India-Pakistan border risky, some of them may suspend flights. When Pakistan closed its airspace in 2019, some North American airlines had suspended Delhi flights. So there are going to be fewer and more expensive flights options between the west and North India now.

Advising passengers to check if their flight is affected, Air India posted on X, some "flights to or from North

America, UK, Europe, and Middle East will take an alternative extended route." IndiGo said, "Schedules of a few of our international flights are impacted... keeping (impacted customers) informed, offering alternate solutions." SpiceJet said its flights to UAE from "north India will operate via alternate routes (&) carry additional fuel for longer flying time."

Closure of Pak airspace means flights between north India and the west will go close to Mumbai and Ahmedabad; then turn right over the Arabian Sea to head to Muscat and then fly to their destination. Ditto on the way back.



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IndiGo grounds Tashkent and Almaty flights

New Delhi: IndiGo will suspend its Delhi-Tashkent and Delhi-Almaty flights at least till May 7 due to closure of Pakistan airspace for India carriers which requires them to take longer routes between north India and the west, reports **Saurabh Sinha**.

Air India flights to the west may need to take a fuelling halt on a case to case basis depending on wind conditions and aircraft load, officials said.

"Due to closure of Pak airspace, 50 international routes operated by IndiGo will require longer sectors and hence may be subject to some slight schedule adjustments. Almaty and Tashkent are outside operational range of the current fleet," IndiGo said in a statement. Air India officials say impact on their flights is 'minimal' so far as they went through the same drill in 2019.