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Indigo to resume Madurai-Abu Dhabi flights from Aug 14

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Madurai: IndiGo will resume direct flights between Madurai and Abu Dhabi from Aug 14, nearly six months after services were suspended due to tensions in the Gulf region.

"The suspension affected passengers across Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, Sivaganga, Ramanathapuram and Tirunelveli districts while reducing international traffic and revenue at the airport," said an Airports Authority of India (AAI) official.

"The direct flight took about four hours. After the suspension, I had to travel through Bengaluru or Hyderabad, and the journey took seven to 10 hours including layovers," said S Mohamed Ismail, a Madurai-based construction materials trader who travels to Abu Dhabi once a month.

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भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण ने मनाया 'यात्री सुविधा दिवस', कई कार्यक्रमों का किया आयोजन

नई दिल्ली। भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) ने 15 जून को देशभर में 'यात्री सुविधा दिवस' मनाया। इसका उद्देश्य यात्रियों को बेहतर सेवाएं देना और विमानन क्षेत्र में अपनी सुविधाओं के विकास को प्रदर्शित करना था। उत्तरी क्षेत्र के तहत आने वाले अमृतसर, उदयपुर, वाराणसी, जम्मू, देहरादून, श्रीनगर, लेह सहित कई हवाई अड्डों पर इस अवसर पर विभिन्न कार्यक्रम आयोजित किए गए। इनमें यात्रियों का स्वागत तिलक, पुष्प और मिठाई देकर किया गया, साथ ही सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम, नुक्कड़ नाटक, चित्रकला प्रतियोगिता, पौधरोपण, निबंध लेखन और यात्रियों से सुझाव लेने जैसी गतिविधियां शामिल रही। इसके अलावा कई हवाई अड्डों पर स्वास्थ्य जांच शिविर, सेल्फी बूथ और हाउसकीपिंग कर्मचारियों के सम्मान कार्यक्रम भी आयोजित किए गए। विद्यार्थियों को हवाई अड्डा टर्मिनल का भ्रमण भी कराया गया। व्यूरो





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6 हवाई अड्डों पर शहर बसाएगा अदाणी ग्रुप, ₹20,000 करोड़ का निवेश प्लान

भारकर न्यूज. मुंबई | अदाणी एयरपोर्ट होल्डिंग्स की सहायक कंपनी 'अदाणी एयरपोर्ट सिटी लिमिटेड' ने 5 राज्यों के 6 हवाई अड्डों पर 'एकीकृत एयरपोर्ट सिटी' विकसित करने की घोषणा की है। पहले चरण में ₹20,000 करोड़ का निवेश किया जाएगा। यह प्रोजेक्ट मुंबई, नवी मुंबई, अहमदाबाद, लखनऊ, जयपुर और गुवाहाटी हवाई अड्डों के



655 एकड़ से अधिक क्षेत्र में फैलेगी। पहले चरण में 2.2 करोड़ वर्ग फुट का इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर तैयार होगा, जिसमें से 70% निवेश अकेले मुंबई और नवी मुंबई में किया जाएगा। अदाणी एयरपोर्ट होल्डिंग्स के डायरेक्टर जीत अदाणी ने कहा, 'हम एकीकृत शहरी गंतव्यों का एक ऐसा नेटवर्क बना रहे हैं जहां हवाई अड्डे निवेश, रोजगार, बेहतर यात्री अनुभव और उन शहरों के दीर्घकालिक विकास के लिए उत्प्रेरक बनेंगे जिनकी वे सेवा करते हैं।'



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विमान किराया घटाने का निर्देश दे सकता है केंद्र

नई दिल्ली | विमान ईंधन एटीएफ की कीमतें लंबे समय तक स्थिर रहती हैं, तो सरकार एयरलाइंस से सर्ज चार्ज और अतिरिक्त किराए की समीक्षा करने को कह सकती है। नागरिक विमानन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू के मुताबिक, केंद्र कीमतों पर बारीक नजर रख रही है। जरूरत पड़ने पर कंपनियों के साथ बैठक की जाएगी।

दिल्ली-मुंबई एयरपोर्ट पर बार-बार की चेकिंग से मुक्ति

जागरण संवाददाता, वाराणसी : देश के छोटे शहरों से विदेश यात्रा करने वाले लोगों के लिए एक बहुत बड़ी और राहत भरी खबर है। अब उन्हें दिल्ली या मुंबई जैसे बड़े महानगरों के एयरपोर्ट पर जाकर बार-बार लाइन में लगने, अपने सामान की दोबारा चेकिंग कराने या इमिग्रेशन के लिए परेशान होने की बिल्कुल जरूरत नहीं होगी। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने विमानन क्षेत्र में गुरुवार को 'हब एंड स्पोक' मॉडल लागू कर दिया है। उन्होंने सुबह 9.23 बजे लालबहादुर शास्त्री अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर पहली फ्लाइट (एआइ 1111) को हरी झंडी दिखाई। यात्रियों को बोर्डिंग पास दिए। इसमें ऐसे 200 यात्री सवार थे, जो दिल्ली से आगे मुंबई, कोलंबो, जेद्दा, रियाद, काठमांडू, फुकेत समेत नौ गंतव्यों के लिए कनेक्टिंग फ्लाइट लेने वाले थे।

इस नई सुविधा के तहत अब वाराणसी जैसे टिपर-2 और टिपर-3 शहरों के यात्री अपने ही शहर के

- 'हब-एंड-स्पोक' फ्रेमवर्क के तहत 'ईजी कनेक्ट' की पहले विमान ने वाराणसी से भी उड़ान
- नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री ने लालबहादुर शास्त्री अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट से दिखाई हरी झंडी

वाराणसी से गुरुवार को 'हब एंड स्पोक' मॉडल को लागू किए जाने पर संबोधित करते मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ● फोटो



एयरपोर्ट से अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रा के लिए एक ही बार में इमिग्रेशन और सामान का चेक-इन पूरा कर सकेंगे। इसके बाद जब दिल्ली या मुंबई जैसे बड़े एयरपोर्ट पर पहुंचेंगे, तो सामान की दोबारा चेक-इन करने की जरूरत नहीं पड़ेगी। एअर इंडिया के सीईओ व मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर कैथरेल विल्सन ने कहा कि भारत से लंबी दूरी की यात्रा करने वाले करोड़ों दो करोड़ यात्री कनेक्टिंग यात्रियों में से लगभग 85 प्रतिशत (1.7 करोड़) को हब से

होकर गुजरना पड़ता है। 'हब-एंड-स्पोक' फ्रेमवर्क में 'ईजी कनेक्ट' सर्विस इस निर्भरता को खत्म करेगी। इस सेवा का लाभ लेने वाले अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों के लिए 'डिजीयात्रा' एप पर रजिस्ट्रेशन और उड़ान से पहले बोर्डिंग पास अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा। चुकी है। नायडू ने कहा कि लंबे समय तक ईंधन की कीमतें स्थिर रहती हैं तो एयरलाइंस से सरचाज और अतिरिक्त किराए की समीक्षा करने के लिए कह सकते हैं।

लखनऊ में स्थापित होगा क्लीन प्लांट सेंटर

राज्य ब्यूरो, जागरण, लखनऊ : केंद्रीय कृषि व किसान कल्याण मंत्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान ने लखनऊ में क्लीन प्लांट सेंटर स्थापित किए जाने की घोषणा की है। उन्होंने कहा कि इस केंद्र के माध्यम से किसानों को गुणवत्तायुक्त व रोगमुक्त पौधे उपलब्ध कराए जाएंगे। शिवराज ने चना, मसूर व सरसो की सरकारी खरीद की अवधि बढ़ाने की स्वीकृति संबंधी आशय पत्र और प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना (ग्रामीण) के अगले चरण के लिए पात्र 6, 18, 482 लाभार्थियों की सूची भी मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ को सौंपी। गुरुवार को केंद्रीय मंत्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान ने मुख्यमंत्री के साधुप्रदेश के कृषि रोडमैप, योजनाओं और ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रमों की समीक्षा की। शिवराज ने कहा कि उपर जितनी तेजी से इन क्षेत्र में आगे बढ़ेगा, विकसित भारत का लक्ष्य उतनी ही तेजी से साकार होगा।



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Adani to Invest ₹20kcr in Airport City Project

Mumbai: Adani Airport Holdings (AAHL) Thursday said it will develop over 655 acres of commercial real estate across six airports with an investment of over ₹20,000 crore in the first phase of its airport city project, as the company looks to diversify revenue beyond core aviation operations.

ET reported first in August 2025 that the Adani Group company was planning a ₹20,000 crore city-side development programme around the airports it operates, with about 70% of the investment earmarked for Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. The company is targeting non-aeronautical businesses to contribute 70% of airport revenue by 2030. **Our Bureau**

FIRST PHASE COVERS 22 MN SQ FT

Adani Airports charts ₹20K-cr expansion

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, June 25

ADANI AIRPORT HOLDINGS (AAHL) will invest more than ₹20,000 crore in the first phase of developing airport cities across six airports as it looks to turn its aviation assets into integrated commercial and urban hubs, diversifying revenues beyond the core airport business.

The development programme, spread over 655 acres in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Jaipur and Guwahati, will be executed through its wholly-owned subsidiary Adani Airport City (AACL).

The first phase will see the development of around 22 million sq ft of commercial real estate comprising hotels, office spaces, retail, entertainment, convention centres and other lifestyle infrastructure.

Nearly 70% of the investment will be directed towards Mumbai and Navi Mumbai, where the group has around 440 acres of land, underscoring the strategic importance of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region in its airport-led development plans.

The company said the projects are being designed as integrated, walkable districts connected to airports, Metro networks and city transport systems, following the airport city model adopted at global hubs such as Singapore Changi, Dubai International, Amsterdam Schiphol and Seoul's Incheon airports. "Around the world, the most successful airport districts have become centres of commerce, tourism and urban growth.

'Opportunity to create value'

"As India's aviation market expands, airports have an opportunity to create value far beyond aviation," Jeet Adani, director, AAHL, said.

He added that the developments would generate investment, employment and long-term economic activity around the airports while



TAKE-OFF PLAN

■ Project to be spread over

65 acres

in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Jaipur, Guwahati

■ Project to be executed through its wholly-owned subsidiary Adani Airport City

■ It will be designed as integrated, walkable districts connected to airports, Metro networks

■ It will be modelled global hubs like Singapore Changi, Dubai International

improving passenger experience. As part of the initiative, AACL has signed hotel management agreements with IHG Hotels & Resorts to develop five premium and luxury hotels, including the debut of the Kimpton brand in India, and is in discussions with domestic and global partners across hospitality, food and beverage, retail and entertainment.

The company said all Airport City projects have received LEED Gold pre-certification from the US Green Building Council, reflecting their focus on sustainable and energy-efficient urban development.

AAHL, India's largest private airport operator, manages eight airports, including Mumbai and the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport, and sees airport cities as a key pillar of its long-term growth strategy.



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एयरपोर्ट से रनवे तक कॉरिडोर बनेगा

ट्रांस हिंडन। हिंडन एयरपोर्ट से विमान में सवार होने के लिए अब यात्रियों को एयरफोर्स के परिसर के बीच से होकर नहीं गुजरना पड़ेगा। एयरपोर्ट से रनवे तक डेढ़ किलोमीटर लंबा कॉरिडोर बनाया जाएगा। इससे यात्रियों को भी सहूलियत होगी और विमानों का संचालन भी बेहतर होगा। 7.2 एकड़ में दूसरे चरण के होने वाले विस्तार में यह कार्य होगा। एयरपोर्ट के पास अपना रनवे नहीं है। हिंडन एयरफोर्स स्टेशन के रनवे से विमानों का आवागमन होता है।



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सौ और नए एयरपोर्ट बनेंगे : नायडू

वाराणसी, कार्यालय संवाददाता।
केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री किंजरापु
राममोहन नायडू ने कहा है कि देश में
100 नए एयरपोर्ट और 200 हेलीपैड
बनाए जाएंगे। ये हेलीपैड पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों
और ऐसी जगहों पर बनेंगे, जहाँ हवाई
कनेक्टिविटी फिलहाल नहीं है। इससे
उस क्षेत्र के लोगों का हवाई सफर
आसान हो जाएगा।

केंद्र सरकार की क्षेत्रीय सम्पर्क
योजना 'उड़ान' योजना पर दस वर्षों में
2900 करोड़ रुपये खर्च किए जाएंगे।
इससे आम आदमी को किफायती हवाई
यात्रा उपलब्ध होगी। हवाई अड्डों की
सुरत भी बदलेगी। केंद्रीय मंत्री गुरुवार
सुबह बाबतपुर (वाराणसी) हवाई



पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों
और कनेक्टिविटी
विहीन क्षेत्रों
में बनेंगे
हेलीपैड

अड्डे पर आयोजित ईजी कनेक्ट उड़ान
सेवा के शुभारम्भ के मौके पर बतौर
मुख्य अतिथि बोल रहे थे।

केंद्र सरकार के हब एंड स्पोक
मॉडल पर शुरू हुई इस सेवा के तहत
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2 और टियर-2 शहरों की इंटरनेशनल

कनेक्टिविटी काफी मजबूत हो जाएगी।
विदेश जाने वाले यात्रियों को शुरूआती
एयरपोर्ट से चेक इन और इमिग्रेशन
क्लीयरेंस की सुविधा मिलेगी। इससे
उन्हें लम्बी कतारों में नहीं लगना होगा
और उनका समय बचेगा। केंद्रीय मंत्री
ने कहा कि काशी के कण-कण में
भगवान शंकर हैं। यहाँ से ईजी कनेक्ट
सेवा शुरू होना सौभाग्य की बात है।

मोदी करेंगे उद्घाटन : राममोहन
नायडू ने कहा कि वाराणसी एयरपोर्ट
का विस्तारीकरण 13 महीने में पूरा हो
जाएगा। जबकि नया टर्मिनल भवन
दिसम्बर तक ही बनकर तैयार हो
जाएगा। प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी टर्मिनल
भवन का उद्घाटन करेंगे।

THE HINDU

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Adani unveils six airport-city projects worth ₹20,000 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Adani Airport City Limited (AACL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Airport Holdings Limited (AAHL), has unveiled plans to develop integrated airport cities across its network of airports, with an initial investment of more than ₹20,000 crore.

First phase

The first phase of the programme will see the development of about 22 million square feet of hospitality, retail, entertainment, convention and commercial infrastructure across airports in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Jaipur and



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Guwahati.

The airport-city developments will be built on a land bank of more than 655 acre spread across six airports in five States. Mumbai and Navi Mumbai account for nearly 440

acre of the total land parcel and will attract almost 70% of the planned investment.

According to the company, the projects are being designed as integrated and walkable urban districts that seamlessly connect airport terminals with metro and city transport networks.

The developments will bring together hotels, office spaces, retail outlets, dining destinations, entertainment venues and convention facilities.

Jeet Adani, director, AAHL said that the initiative draws inspiration from global airport-city models such as Singapore's Changi, Dubai International, Amsterdam Schiphol and Seoul Incheon.

JANSATTA

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हब एंड स्पोक मॉडल' के तहत छह और शहरों से जल्द शुरू होंगी उड़ानें: नायडू

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्ता। केंद्रीय नागर विमानन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने बृहस्पतिवार को कहा कि 'हब-एंड-स्पोक' (एचएंडएस) मॉडल के तहत अगले छह सप्ताह में देश के छह और शहरों से उड़ान सेवाएं शुरू की जाएंगी।

इस मॉडल की पहली उड़ान सेवा वाराणसी से संचालित की गई है। भारत को वैश्विक विमानन केंद्र के रूप में विकसित करने के उद्देश्य से तैयार किए गए इस मॉडल के तहत छोटे और मझोले शहरों के हवाई अड्डों को अंतरराष्ट्रीय गंतव्यों से निर्बाध रूप से जोड़ा जाएगा, जिससे यात्रियों को बेहतर कनेक्टिविटी और अधिक सुविधाजनक यात्रा विकल्प उपलब्ध होंगे। एचएंडएस मॉडल के तहत छोटे



हवाई अड्डों यानी 'स्पोक' से यात्री बड़े हवाई अड्डों यानी 'हब' के जरिये अंतरराष्ट्रीय गंतव्यों तक पहुंच सकेंगे। इस व्यवस्था में छोटे शहरों से आने वाले यात्रियों को दिल्ली जैसे प्रमुख (हब) हवाई अड्डों के जरिये आगे की अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों से जोड़ा जाएगा। नायडू ने बृहस्पतिवार को यहां हवाई अड्डे पर 'हब एंड स्पोक मॉडल' की

- मॉडल की पहली उड़ान सेवा वाराणसी से संचालित
- अब छोटे और मझोले शहरों के यात्रियों को मिलेगी राहत

पहली उड़ान की औपचारिक शुरुआत की। उन्होंने कुछ यात्रियों को बोर्डिंग पास भी सौंपे। 'ईजी कनेक्ट' सेवा की पहली उड़ान, संख्या एआई1111 सुबह साढ़े नौ बजे वाराणसी से रवाना हुई। इस उड़ान के अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्री दिल्ली के जरिये दुबई, कोलंबो, जेद्दा, रियाद और फुजैरा सहित नौ विदेशी गंतव्यों के लिए आगे की यात्रा करेंगे। एयर इंडिया इस मॉडल के तहत 'ईजी कनेक्ट' उड़ानें शुरू कर रही है।

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Adani plans Changi-inspired airport cities in five states

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Adani Airport City Ltd, a subsidiary of Adani Airport Holdings Ltd, on Thursday unveiled a plan to develop integrated airport cities across its airport network, bringing together hospitality, retail, entertainment, convention and commercial infrastructure. The development will see an investment of over ₹20,000 crore in the first phase.

Around 22 million sq. ft will be developed across Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Jaipur and Guwahati, according to a company statement.

The development will take place over 635 acres of land, across six airports in five states, it said. Of this, nearly 440 acres are in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai alone. Nearly 70% of the planned investment will be concentrated in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai.

Adani Airport Holdings, India's largest private airport operator, owns and manages eight airports. Mangalore and Trivandrum are not part of the first phase of the airport city project.

"Around the world, the most successful airport districts have become centres of commerce, tourism and urban growth. As India's aviation market expands, airports have an opportunity to create value far beyond aviation," Jeet Adani, director, Adani Airport Holdings, said in the statement. "We are creating a network of integrated urban destinations where airports become catalysts for investment, employment, better



An artist's impression of the proposed Adani Airport City at Navi Mumbai

passenger experiences and the long-term growth of the cities they serve."

In May, Adani Airport Holdings said it has signed a managed hotel portfolio agreement with IHG Hotels & Resorts to develop five hotels across key airport-linked and high-growth urban destinations in India.

The agreement will add close to 1,500 keys across multiple brands and locations, in line with IHG's growth plans for India. The agreement will also see the debut of the Kimpton brand of hotels in India.

The company is also engaging with other domestic and international partners across the hospitality, food and beverage, retail and entertainment sectors.

Adani's larger airport city development is inspired by globally successful airport districts such as Singapore's Changi, Dubai International, Amsterdam's Schiphol and Seoul's Incheon, bringing an airport-led development model to India's rapidly expanding aviation market.

"These developments are being designed with leading

global design and engineering partners and informed by emerging trends in hospitality, retail, workplaces and entertainment," Adani added.

Unlike conventional real estate developments, the airport city model is designed around connectivity and experience, and the districts are being planned as extensions of the airport ecosystem.

By integrating hotels, workplaces, retail, entertainment and convention facilities within a single master-planned environment, the company said the developments would create walkable destinations.

Prashant Thakur, executive director and head of research & advisory at Anarock Property Consultants, said commercial and hospitality developments around the new airports are a good way to monetize land, as residential development may not be possible due to the height restrictions in such areas.

"This also provides a good source of annuity income through such developments. As the traffic of airports increases, the importance and capital value of such land near the airport will also rise," Thakur added.

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Adani to invest ₹20K crore in Airport cities across 5 states

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NEW DELHI: Adani Airport plans to invest more than Rs 20,000 crore in the first phase of a large-scale airport city development programme spanning over 655 acres across six airports in five states, as the company seeks to transform its aviation hubs into integrated commercial and urban destinations.

The development, announced on Thursday by Adani Airport City Ltd (AACL) - a wholly-owned subsidiary of Adani Airport Holdings Limited (AAHL), India's largest private airport operator - will cover airports in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Jaipur and Guwahati, with around 22 million square feet of mixed-use infrastructure planned in the initial phase.

Nearly 70 per cent of the investment will be concentrated in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai, where the company controls close to 440 acres of land, reflecting the strategic importance of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region as India's largest aviation and commercial hub, it said in a statement.

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airport-linked districts designed to integrate with metro and urban transport networks.

"Airports have an opportunity to create value far beyond aviation," said Jeet Adani, Director, AAHL, adding that the developments are intended to drive investment, employment and urban growth around key aviation centres. The airport city model, widely adopted at hubs such as Singapore Changi Airport, Dubai International Airport, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol and Incheon Interna-

Highlights

- » The projects will combine hotels, offices, retail, entertainment, convention centres and lifestyle infra within airport-linked districts
- » 'Airports have an opportunity to create value far beyond aviation,' said Jeet Adani, Director, AAHL,
- » AACL has signed hotel management pacts with IHG Hotels & Resorts for five premium and luxury hotels

tional Airport, aims to generate economic activity beyond passenger traffic by creating integrated business and tourism ecosystems.

As part of the initiative, AACL has signed hotel management agreements with IHG Hotels & Resorts for five premium and luxury hotels, including the debut of the Kimpton brand in India. The company said all Airport City projects have received LEED Gold pre-certification from the US Green Building Council, underscoring

a focus on sustainable design, energy efficiency and walkable urban infrastructure.

AAHL, India's largest private airport operator, manages eight airports, including Mumbai and the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport. The airport city initiative forms a key part of its strategy to diversify revenue streams and capitalise on the rapid growth of India's aviation market.

The group plans to "develop integrated airport cities across its airport network, bringing together hospitality, retail, entertainment, convention and commercial infrastructure within seamlessly connected, walkable urban districts," the statement said. "The development represents an investment of more than Rs 20,000 crore in the first phase. Approximately 22 million sq. ft. will be developed across Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Jaipur and Guwahati."

The developments are designed as integrated, walkable urban districts where travellers, businesses and local communities can access hotels, offices, retail, dining, entertainment and convention facilities within environments seamlessly integrated with airport, Metro and city transport infrastructure.

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Flyers can do immigration, custom clearance at departure airports soon

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IN a major initiative to offer seamless international travel to people of relatively smaller cities, Civil Aviation Minister **Ram Mohan Naidu** on Thursday declared that India's first 'Hub and Spoke' model was inaugurated at Varanasi's Lal Bahadur Shastri airport. By ensuring customs and immigration checks as well as baggage clearance for those travelling abroad are done at the point of departure itself, it avoids the inconvenience of carrying out these procedures at a larger transit airport.

The first Air India Easy Connect flight (AI 1111) with 180 passengers on board took off from Delhi at 9.23 am on Thursday. Naidu announced that the 'Hub and Spoke' will be offered in six more destinations within the six weeks. Elaborating on the advantages it offers, he said, "Our new hub and spoke model paves the way for a monumental shift in how our citizens travel. Regardless of the city one lives, one can begin their international journey from their home city and travel across the globe with ease and



confidence on India's new wings." Presently, one needs to go to a hub airport, needs to come out of the terminal with the luggage and then clear immigration and customs process if one wants to leave to the US, London and Dubai, he said. "When this model is launched, there will be no need to do any international transit and flyers will smoothly travel to their international flight from within their terminal."

Any city gets transformed even when a small innovation pertaining to aviation is launched there, the minister said. "It impacts the economy by offering a major thrust to

Spoke and hub model

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employment as it gets connected to internationally." Litchies from India have reached Italy and products from Bihar have reached Singapore and Dubai offering good profits for the farmers due to international connectivity, he added. "Fruits, vegetables, silk, handloom and artefacts from Varanasi will now have an international market," Naidu said.

"The smaller airport serves as the 'spoke' of the wheel while the larger one becomes the hub" said an aviation official. The Air India said it is leading a nationwide domestic rollout to connect more domestic 'spoke' cities.



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Airports Authority of India marks 12th International Day of Yoga 2026

Airports Authority of India (AAI), under the aegis of Ministry of Civil Aviation, commemorated the 12th International Day of Yoga 2026 at its Corporate Headquarters,

New Delhi, embracing this year's theme, "Yoga for Healthy Ageing". The event brought together officers and employees from AAI and MoCA in a collective celebration of wellness, mindfulness and healthy living, reaffirming the organisations' commitment to fostering a culture of physical and mental well-being across the civil aviation sector.





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Inclusive Budget for all sectors

The Budget announced by Hon'ble Finance Minister Dr. Swapan Dasgupta under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari is truly inclusive in its scope and intent. It touches every sector, addresses the needs of every section of society, and lays down a clear roadmap for transformative reforms that will shape the future of our state. It unveils a compelling growth agenda and seeks to unlock the immense potential of Bengal and its people. The proposed Greenfield Airport at Kalyani, new airports in Purulia, Balurghat, and Malda, expansion of the existing airport at Cooch Behar, establishment of a deep-sea port, dedicated freight



corridors, logistics hubs, industrial parks, and a semiconductor manufacturing unit in Durgapur are all long-awaited and much-needed steps in the right direction that would change Bengal's Economic landscape. There is all-round Positivity, Velocity and Urgency to fulfill the Vision and convert Intention to Implementation.

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AHMEDABAD

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ONLY 15 INCIDENTS REPORTED IN FIRST HALF OF 2026; MONSOON PREPAREDNESS ENDS AT SVPIA

Fewer bird hits, safer skies at A'bad Airport

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Ahmedabad: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in Ahmedabad has recorded 15 bird strike incidents in the first half of 2026 (Jan-June) compared to 70 across the whole of 2025. Airport authorities attribute the low bird-hit incidents to a sustained and systematic monsoon preparedness drive carried out in the months leading up to the rainy season.

The reduction underscores the effectiveness of the pre-monsoon wildlife hazard management programme that the airport undertook across both its airside and landside areas, targeting the very conditions that the wet season tends to worsen.

With the onset of monsoon bringing increased vegetation growth and water accumulation — factors that naturally draw birds and other wildlife closer to runways and flight paths — airport authorities made it a priority to complete the preparedness exercise well before the rains arrived.

The drive that ended re-

MEASURES TAKEN TO MITIGATE RISKS



cently, encompassed extensive drain cleaning to prevent waterlogging, systematic grass cutting to eliminate ground cover that birds favour for foraging and nesting, and insecticide spraying to suppress insects and rodents, which are

among the primary food sources that attract avian activity into operational zones.

"Rubber removal from runway surfaces and maintenance of critical infrastructure, including chiller plants, formed part of the same coor-

ordinated effort to reduce conditions conducive to bird congregation near aircraft movement areas," an airport source told TOI.

The strategy rested on proactive habitat management rather than reactive response,

with sustained attention to eliminating food sources, controlling vegetation and improving overall airfield conditions to make the environment around the airport less hospitable to birds throughout the year.

"Continuous monitoring of bird movement and habitat conditions is set to remain in place across all seasons, ensuring that the gains made ahead of the monsoon are not eroded as the rains progress and vegetation thickens in and around the airport perimeter," the source added.

Bird strikes are regarded as a serious aviation safety concern because collisions between aircraft and birds can cause significant damage to engines, airframes and other critical systems.

The airport, which handles substantial volumes of domestic and international passenger traffic, has consistently maintained wildlife control protocols, but the integrated pre-monsoon push this year appears to have produced results well beyond routine outcomes.



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Airport staff held for aiding cartel smuggle gold worth ₹53.2L

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Chennai: After a hiatus, the modus operandi of smugglers engaging airport staff has re-surfaced. A contract staff was arrested for aiding cartels in the smuggling of more than 400g of gold dropped by a transit passenger.

On June 20, a staff posted

near the smoking lounge at the international departure terminal was spotted at the arrival terminal, where he was not supposed to enter. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel posted at the arrival terminal intercepted the worker on suspicion and questioned him. He

was later handed over to customs officers for interrogation.

The worker confessed that he came to pick up a gold consignment dropped by a transit passenger at the toilet near the arrival terminal. Officials searched the toilets and secured an oval-shaped pouch

wrapped in black adhesive tape containing gold in paste form.

The paste was melted to recover 414g of 24 carat gold valued at ₹53.18 lakh. The worker was arrested and the gold seized under the Customs Act.

Officials said the transit passenger fled and further investigation is on to track him and the receiver.

414G IN PASTE FORM

Noida Airport Gears Up To Triple Flights And Network From July 1

'Soon, It Will Be Connected To 16-17 Destinations With About 40 Daily Flights'

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New Delhi: Noida International Airport (NIA) is going to triple its network and flights starting next month, after stabilizing operations by overcoming both expected and unexpected teething troubles in the last 10 days since launch on June 15. While external challenges like Noida/Dilli abhi door hai with expensive cab rides and airlines cutting flights during the current turbulent times remain, the operator remains confident about the India growth story which it says will provide it the required tailwinds. Industry sources say the local traffic is yet to pick up due to connectivity issues with affordable ways of getting to and from the airport yet to be provided by govt..

In its launch phase that saw Air India Express pull out due to the parent AI Group's mounting losses, the airport currently has 12 daily flights (six arrivals and as many departures) by IndiGo and Akasa to and from five cities—Navi Mumbai, Jammu, Amritsar, Hyderabad and Bengaluru. The first arrival is at 8 am and the last departure of the day is 12 hours later.

Speaking exclusively to TOI Thursday, NIA VC Christoph Schnellmann said: "By and large we are very pleased with the first 10 days of operations. There are issues we continue to work on but have been able to deliver the airport experience to passengers that we were hoping to do so. We got time to stabilise operations by

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Currently operates 56 weekly flights between NIA and Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Amritsar and Jammu. From July 1, IndiGo says it will "progressively scale up and add connectivity to 12 more destinations across India, including Mumbai and tier 2 / tier 3 cities such as Bareilly, Bhopal, Chandigarh, Dharamshala, Jaipur, Srinagar, Lucknow among others"

AKASA

Did not share plans for NIA

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Has pulled out of NIA for now due to mounting losses of parent Air India group

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This will increase our operations to over 240 weekly flights to and from the airport by mid-July 2026. NIA is a strategic addition to our growing network. With its modern infrastructure, operational efficiency and passenger-centric design, we expect the airport to drive faster turnarounds, seamless processes, and an elevated travel experience for our customers in the region.

IndiGo spokesperson



using the infra in a real-life scenario and are now looking forward to July 1 to step up operations when we get connected to 16 to 17 destinations with about 40-45 daily flights."

From next month, NIA will start having direct flights to and from places like Mumbai, Srinagar, Jammu, Bareilly, Bhopal, Dehradun, Dharamshala, Chandigarh, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kishanagar, Lucknow and Pantnagar. The first flight will then land before 6 pm and last one depart late at night.

Asked about the terminal not seeming to be fully ready despite the delay in operational, he said: "That process will continue for the next weeks and

months. That's a normal process of taking this type of large and complex infrastructure online. All things considered, we can be really pleased and proud about what used to be a barren land six years ago is now a state-of-the-art airport," he said.

Many passengers who have flown to and from NIA complained of connectivity issues and high cab fares — something that is not in the domain of the airport operator but has to be provided by govt. Schnellmann, however, said that is not an issue as the airport is connected to a six-lane E-way and has affordable AC e-bus services by YEIDA to Noida with fares capped at Rs 50. App-based cab fares to Bo-

tanical Garden in Noida start at Rs 600. "On Day One, Google Location was not working was some inter-connecting roads were not shown as open. That issue was resolved."

Similarly, he exuded confidence about getting traction with airlines with more carriers going to start more flights and did not see AI Express, one of the three launch airlines, pulling out as a setback. "We are in touch with both Indian (including AI Group) and foreign airlines and hope to see many of them. We're confident they're looking at Noida airport as an important point for their network. There is continued interest among airlines and we see a strong

growth throughout our long term view of the 40 years we hope to be here for," said the India veteran of Zurich Airports. NIA expects to have the infra for international flights like customs and immigration ready by the end of this year.

As of now, NIA has seven food and beverage outlets operational along with other retail stores. The teething troubles seen in the first 10 days include technical issues with systems like e-gates taking a little longer than expected time to open after scanning boarding cards, DigiYatra accessibility and AC systems. The first fortnight with limited operations were used to stabilise all these expected hiccups.

The biggest difference between NIA and almost all other airports in India is the fact that you don't drive right in front of departure area where the entry gate is just a short walk away. And ditto on the way back. Here, one has to walk for about 100 metres after getting dropped from the bus/cab/car to enter the terminal or reach car park after exiting the same. Asked if the terminal will get an elevated road to departure level when it is expanded from current 1.2 crore capacity annually (CPA) to 3 CPA, he said that decision will be taken at the design stage for the same.

Work for the expansion will start when the existing terminal handles 80% of its capacity or 96 lakh passengers in a year. Given the current global uncertainty, Schnellmann did not give a timeline as to when he sees that happen.



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Adani Airports to develop aerocities, invest ₹20k cr

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New Delhi: Adani Airports will invest Rs 20,000 crore in developing aerocities in the six places where it operates hubs — Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Jaipur and Guwahati. The phase I of this monetisation of land bank at this capex will see 2.2 crore square feet being developed across these places.

The development will span over 655 acres in these five states, including nearly 440 acres in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. The proposed “integrated airport cities” will have hospitality, retail, entertainment, convention and commercial infrastructure within walkable urban districts.

Adani Airport Holdings (AAHL) director Jeet Adani said: “The most successful airport districts have become centres of commerce, tourism and urban growth. As India’s aviation market expands, airports have an opportunity to create value far beyond aviation. We are creating integrated urban destinations where airports become catalysts for investment, employment, better passenger experiences and long-term growth of the cities they serve.”

AAHL says the project is inspired by “globally successful airport districts Singapore’s Changi and Dubai International, bringing airport-led development model to India’s rapidly expanding aviation market.”



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Airbound, Andhra sign MoU to build large-scale drone delivery network

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Bengaluru-based aerospace company Airbound signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Andhra Pradesh Drone Corporation (APDC) on Thursday, to develop a scalable drone delivery network across the Amaravati Capital Region, marking a significant step towards building aerial logistics infrastructure in India.

The collaboration reflects Andhra Pradesh's growing ambition to emerge as the global hub for drone-led innovation and advanced logistics. As part of the proposed Amaravati Capital Region Drone Delivery Network (ACR DDN), Airbound will work with ecosystem stakeholders across healthcare, logistics, and e-commerce to enable drone



The collaboration reflects Andhra Pradesh's ambition to emerge as the global hub for drone-led innovation

operations, connecting Amaravati, Vijayawada, and Guntur. With this collaboration, Airbound aims to build one of India's most ambitious drone logistics networks, with costs as low as 10 paisa per kilometre.

The initiative is expected to begin with operations in Guntur, with both parties working towards enabling 10,000 daily drone flights across Andhra Pradesh

over the coming year, a scale that could position the state among the largest commercial drone delivery networks globally.

Supporting this effort is Airbound's blended-wing-body tailsitter aircraft, built from lightweight carbon fiber. Weighing just 1.5 kg, the TRT offers a payload ratio of 1.5:1, compared to the industry standard of 4:1, making it one of the most efficient logistics platforms in use today. Designed for large-scale aerial logistics, it can deliver goods at costs as much as 20 times lower than conventional methods, enabling fast, reliable and affordable access across a wide range of geographies.

The collaboration is expected to support faster movement of healthcare supplies, commercial goods, and critical deliveries, while helping improve mid-mile connectivity and operational efficiency across urban and

semi-urban regions.

Geetanjali Sharma, managing director and chairman, Andhra Pradesh Drone Corporation, said: "With this MoU, Airbound is not just launching a new mode of delivery, they are laying the foundations of a new logistics architecture for Andhra Pradesh."

Minister of Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu said: "Airbound's trajectory shows what India is capable of in next-generation aviation. By partnering with a home-grown company to build one of the world's largest drone delivery networks, Andhra Pradesh is demonstrating that cutting-edge technology can be designed, built, and scaled in India delivering real connectivity, jobs, and growth for our people."

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वाराणसी एयरपोर्ट से स्पाइसजेट की सभी उड़ानें बंद, एटीएफ महंगा होने से थमा परिचालन

भास्कर न्यूज़ | वाराणसी

वाराणसी से स्पाइसजेट की सभी नियमित उड़ानें बंद हो गई हैं। परिचालन लागत और एविएशन टरबाइन फ्यूल (एटीएफ) की लगातार बढ़ रही कीमतों के बीच एयरलाइन ने अपना संचालन अनिश्चितकाल के लिए रोक दिया है।

वाराणसी से अब तक 14-15 उड़ानें संचालित करने वाली एयरलाइंस स्पाइसजेट की अंतिम 3 फ्लाइट बनारस से उड़ी। गुरुवार शाम की फ्लाइट अंतिम फ्लाइट थी। कंपनी ने अपने सभी विमानों को दिल्ली और



मुंबई हंगर पर लगा दिया है। हालांकि कंपनी ने पहले ही घोषणा की थी कि लाल बहादुर शास्त्री अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट से स्पाइसजेट अपनी अंतिम नियमित उड़ान 25 जून को संचालित करेगी। वहीं, दूसरी ओर महंगी यात्रा से यात्रियों की संख्या पर भी असर पड़ा है। अब अन्य विमान कंपनियों के फैसले और सेवाओं पर भी निगाहें हैं। गुरुवार शाम स्पाइसजेट की मुंबई जाने वाली अंतिम उड़ान (SG-506) वाराणसी से रवाना हुई।



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दो विमानों के आमने- सामने आने की घटना की जांच शुरू



नई दिल्ली।
नागर विमानन
महानिदेशालय
(डीजीसीए) ने गुजरात के
अहमदाबाद हवाई अड्डे पर
बुधवार शाम दो विमानों के
टैक्सी-वे पर आमने-सामने
आने की घटना की जांच
शुरू कर दी है। इस घटना में
एयर इंडिया का एक विमान
गलती से उसी टैक्सी-वे पर
पहुंच गया था जहां से इंडिगो
का एक विमान उड़ान भरने
के लिए जा रहा था।
डीजीसीए ने गुरुवार को एक
प्रेस नोट जारी कर यह
जानकारी दी।



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Jet fuel crack spread may exceed \$50 in 2026; airfares may climb 25%

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NEW DELHI

Geopolitical disruption and refinery constraints are impacting jet fuel supply, which raises airline costs and could translate into higher crack spreads, thereby pushing airfares up to 25%, according to a report by management consultancy McKinsey.

Noting that jet fuel demand is set to rise ahead of the summer travel season amid depleted inventories, the report highlighted that fuel prices have surged mainly due to crude oil trends, while supply has been constrained by reduced refinery production from major Gulf region and Asian jet fuel exporters, which together supply 40% of the world's jet fuel.

This supply crunch is reflected in the jet fuel crack spread, which is a measure of the difference in price between crude oil and the refined fuel products.

In recent history, the jet fuel crack spread has tended to linger around \$20 per barrel or less, but in 2026, it could end up averaging more than \$50 per barrel.



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Delhi-Amritsar AI flight briefly infringes Pak airspace

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NEW DELHI

An Air India aircraft flying from Delhi to Amritsar briefly infringed Pakistani airspace while executing a go-around manoeuvre at Amritsar airport on Monday, the Tata Group airline said in a statement. The incident involved flight AI479 and occurred during the aircraft's approach to Amritsar, according to the carrier."

The crew operating flight AI479 from Delhi to Amritsar on 22 June had marginally infringed into the Pakistan airspace while manoeuvring a go-around at Amritsar airport," it said.



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एयर सुविधा 2.0 पोर्टल लॉन्च किया

नई दिल्ली। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय और डायल ने इबोला संक्रमण की निगरानी को मजबूत बनाने के लिए एयर सुविधा 2.0 पोर्टल लांच किया है। यह एक उन्नत, संपर्क रहित यात्री स्वास्थ्य स्व घोषणा प्रणाली है, जिसे मौजूदा इबोला प्रकोप के मद्देनजर विकसित किया गया है। विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन द्वारा कांगो और युगांडा में फैले बीबीडी वायरस रोग के प्रकोप को अंतरराष्ट्रीय चिंता का सार्वजनिक स्वास्थ्य आपातकाल घोषित किए जाने के बाद यह पहल शुरू की गई है।



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विमान आमने-सामने आने की जांच शुरू

नई दिल्ली। अहमदाबाद एयरपोर्ट पर टैक्सीवे में एयर इंडिया और इंडिगो विमानों के आमने-सामने आने की जांच डीजीसीए ने शुरू कर दी है। बुधवार को एयर इंडिया का विमान मुंबई से अहमदाबाद पहुंचने के बाद पार्किंग बे की ओर टैक्सी करते समय गलती से गलत दिशा में मुड़ गया था। डीजीसीए ने बताया कि एयर इंडिया का विमान ए-320 मुंबई से अहमदाबाद के रनवे नंबर 23 पर उतरा। रनवे से टैक्सीवे सी के जरिए बाहर निकलने के बाद विमान अंतरराष्ट्रीय एप्रन की ओर टैक्सीवे जी पर दाहिने मुड़ने के बजाय टैक्सीवे पी की तरफ बढ़ गया।



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Air Suvidha 2.0 portal launched for Ebola screening

The Ministry of Civil Aviation and Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) on Thursday launched Air Suvidha 2.0, an upgraded contactless passenger health self-declaration portal, to strengthen public health surveillance in response to the ongoing Ebola disease outbreak. The WHO had declared the Ebola outbreak in DRC and Uganda as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on May 17. The portal enables passengers to submit a mandatory self-declaration – covering 21-day travel history, exposure history and related symptoms, if any – prior to immigration clearance. The form can be completed 24 hours in advance before arrival.



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यात्रियों की स्वास्थ्य निगरानी को 'एयर सुविधा 2.0' पोर्टल लॉन्च

- इबोला प्रभावित देशों से आने वाले यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को एयर इंडिया ने उठाया कदम

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्या। अफ्रीका के कुछ हिस्सों में फैल रहे इबोला प्रकोप के मद्देनजर सार्वजनिक स्वास्थ्य निगरानी को और सशक्त बनाने के लिए नागर विमानन मंत्रालय और दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे के संचालक डायल ने बुधवार को हवाई यात्रियों के स्वास्थ्य संबंधी स्व-घोषणा पोर्टल 'एयर सुविधा 2.0' का शुभारंभ किया।

स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय के तहत कार्यरत स्वास्थ्य सेवा महानिदेशालय (डीजीएचएस) के सहयोग से विकसित यह पोर्टल दूसरे देशों से आने वाले यात्रियों को अनिवार्य ऑनलाइन स्वास्थ्य स्व-घोषणा पत्र

नीट (यूजी) पुनर्परीक्षा के नतीजों को लेकर उच्च स्तरीय समीक्षा

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्या। केंद्रीय शिक्षा मंत्रालय ने आज गुरुवार को देश की सबसे बड़ी चिकित्सा प्रवेश परीक्षा 'नीट यूजी 2026' की पुनर्परीक्षा के नतीजों की तैयारियों और भविष्य में ऐसी परीक्षाओं को फुलप्रूफ बनाने के लिए प्रशासनिक सुधारों पर एक उच्च स्तरीय समीक्षा बैठक की। बैठक की अध्यक्षता केंद्रीय शिक्षा मंत्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान की, जिसमें राष्ट्रीय परीक्षा एजेंसी (एनटीए) के वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों समेत शिक्षा मंत्रालय और तकनीकी विशेषज्ञों की कोर टीम शामिल हुई।

भरने और जमा करने की सुविधा प्रदान करता है।

एक आधिकारिक विज्ञप्ति के अनुसार, आव्रजन मंजूरी से पहले यात्रियों को पिछले 21 दिनों की अपनी यात्रा का विवरण, संभावित संपर्क का इतिहास तथा संबंधित

लक्षणों की जानकारी स्व-घोषणा पत्र में देनी होगी। एयर सुविधा स्व-घोषणा पत्र भारत पहुंचने से 24 घंटे पहले यात्रियों द्वारा भरा जा सकता है। भारत आने वाले सभी अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों को अपना स्व-घोषणा पत्र पहले से जमा करना अनिवार्य है।



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एटीएफ की कीमतें स्थिर रहीं तो जल्द सस्ते हो सकते हैं फ्लाइट टिकट

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्या। हवाई यात्रा करने वालों के लिए आने वाले दिनों में राहत भरी खबर मिल सकती है। केंद्र सरकार ने संकेत दिए हैं कि यदि कच्चे तेल और एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल (एटीएफ) की कीमतों में स्थिरता बनी रहती है, तो एयरलाइंस से अतिरिक्त शुल्क और बढ़े हुए किराए की समीक्षा करने को कहा जा सकता है। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के. राम मोहन नायडू ने गुरुवार को कहा कि सरकार ईंधन की कीमतों पर लगातार नजर रख रही है और इस संबंध में एयरलाइंस के साथ बातचीत भी जारी है। मंत्री ने कहा कि हाल के दिनों में एटीएफ की कीमतों में कुछ कमी देखने को मिली है, लेकिन सरकार यह सुनिश्चित करना चाहती है कि यह गिरावट अस्थायी नहीं बल्कि लंबे समय तक बनी रहने वाली हो। उनके मुताबिक, यदि ईंधन की कीमतें लंबे समय तक स्थिर रहती हैं तो एयरलाइंस के साथ चर्चा कर मौजूदा सरचार्ज और अतिरिक्त किराए को कम करने की दिशा में कदम उठाए जाएंगे। नायडू ने कहा कि पिछले चार महीने विमानन क्षेत्र के लिए काफी चुनौतीपूर्ण रहे हैं। अब सरकार यह आकलन कर रही है कि लागत में आई राहत का फायदा यात्रियों तक पहुंचाया जा सकता है या नहीं।

Airlines race back to West Asia skies as war clouds recede

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Indian airlines are racing to restore flights to West Asia, one of their top international markets, after the US-Iran war flare-up disrupted operations. Their services across the region, however, still remain below the year-ago levels. West Asia accounts for nearly a third of Indian carriers' international passenger traffic and is central to their overseas expansion plans.

IndiGo and Air India Express are leading the rebound, restoring up to 80% of last year's June capacity, as geopolitical tensions ease and airlines rebuild schedules. SpiceJet and Akasa Air also fly to the region, but their presence is relatively lower.

Data from UK-based aviation analytics firm OAG, reviewed by *Mint*, shows IndiGo has restored about 74% of its departures to West Asia destinations in June compared with the same period last year. Air India Express has restored nearly 70%, while Air India has brought back around 58% of its operations, the OAG data showed. Air India Express, however, said it has restored 80% of its flights to West Asia.

In absolute terms, IndiGo is



IndiGo and Air India Express are leading the rebound. AFP

operating 1,730 departures to the region in June, compared with 2,343 a year earlier. Air India Express has scheduled 1,244 departures against 1,784 last year, while Air India is operating 355 departures, compared with 607 in June 2025, OAG data showed.

The turnaround follows a severe disruption that began late February, when the conflict in West Asia triggered airspace restrictions, forcing flight cancellations, rerouting and sharp schedule cuts across Gulf-bound services.

For Indian airlines, this came as a double whammy since their overseas operations were already strained by the closure of Pakistani airspace

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since April 2025, which increased flying hours and fuel burn on several routes. Rising jet fuel prices due to war disruptions put more pressure.

April saw the steepest contraction in services. The cut in flights to the region for the three largest Indian operators ranged from 68% to 77%, from a year ago period.

OAG data shows IndiGo operated just 623 departures to West Asia destinations in April, down 72% from a year earlier. Air India Express operated 597 departures, a decline of 68%, while Air India's departures fell 77% to 148.

By May, conditions began to improve as restrictions eased and airlines gradually rebuilt schedules. By June, they had accelerated flight restoration to key places such as Dubai,

Abu Dhabi, Doha and Jeddah.

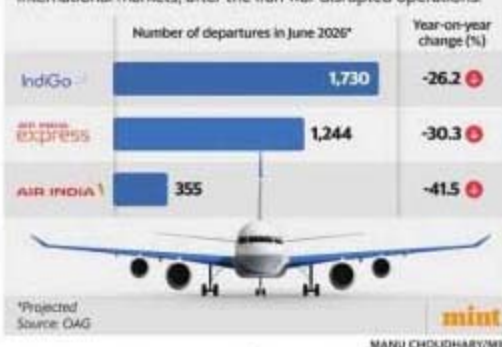
"IndiGo has been progressively restoring its India-West Asia capacity, with most of it expected to be back in operation by the end of June," an airline spokesperson said in an emailed response. It, however, cautioned that a full restoration could take longer as some airports still face constraints.

A spokesperson for Air India Express, which says it has restored about 80% of its operations here, said: "Currently, we operate about 2,500 monthly flights to and from the region (about 1,250 departures from India)." The carrier is also adding new routes such as Navi Mumbai-Abu Dhabi, the spokesperson said. Air India didn't reply to queries.

Satyendra Pandey, managing partner at Airavat Technology & Transport Ventures

Flight recovery

Airlines are racing to restore flights to West Asia, one of their top international markets, after the Iran war disrupted operations.



Pvt. Ltd, said: "Route economics still show wide variation, normalization remains a distant target, and substantial risks persist," he said. "The recent rise in capacity reflects a mix of network concentration, available fleet deploy-

ment, and transfer traffic."

West Asia is a key overseas market for Indian carriers, supported by migrant-worker traffic, business travel and passengers visiting friends and relatives. The UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar and Kuwait

routes are among busiest overseas sectors for Indian carriers.

"West Asia accounts for about 30% of Indian carriers' international traffic and is a significant travel destination for Indians," said Karan Khanna, lead aviation analyst

at Ambit Capital. He said Air India's rebound is slower as it has a yield-focused strategy, preferring higher-margin long-haul routes over competitive Gulf markets dominated by low-cost carriers.

OAG data shows total capacity to West Asia, including foreign carriers, is still about 16% below June 2025. There are 7,968 departures slated this month versus 9,519 a year ago. Elevated fuel costs continue

to weigh on airline economics even as demand improves, the IndiGo spokesperson said.

Analysts, however, see demand for these routes intact. "Despite a 40% rise in fares on these routes in June, demand holds," said Gagan

Dixit, senior VP, oil & gas and aviation, at Elara Capital.

Jainam Shah, aviation analyst at Equirus Securities, said demand has recovered faster than capacity.

"International passenger traffic for Indian carriers during the first 21 days of June declined just 1% year-on-year while international departures fell 14%," he said.

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Indian airlines race to restore lucrative West Asia flights

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BRIEFLY CROSSED INTO PAKISTANI AIRSPACE NEAR AMRITSAR

DGCA acts after Air India flight strays into Pakistan airspace

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NEW DELHI: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has initiated interim action against an Air Traffic Controller (ATC) at Amritsar and the operating crew of an Air India flight after an aircraft briefly entered Pakistani airspace during its approach to Amritsar Airport on June 22.

Oversight authorities are now reviewing operational decisions made during that phase. One outcome has been the suspension of certain responsibilities pending further review. While such incidents remain rare, they prompt scrutiny of navigation protocols near borders. At present, investigations continue without public updates.

The DGCA stated, Air India flight AI-479, flown using an Airbus A321 marked VT-PPV along the Delhi to Amritsar path, received directions to



DGCA has launched a probe into the matter

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circle due to ongoing checks after birds hit the runway. As the plane began descending, deviation into Pakistan's sky occurred momentarily under guidance from radar signals.

The aviation regulator stated that coordination occurred with Pakistani air traffic control bodies during the event, safety being maintained throughout. Follow-

ing this, the plane gave up its approach, turned toward Delhi instead, arriving without complications after a redirected flight path. The DGCA noted that temporary measures were applied to both the Amritsar air traffic controller involved and the flight personnel, due to their failure to notify the event via official procedures.

Close to the India-Paki-

Highlights

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stan frontier, the event gained notice. Surveillance of air traffic across northern regions persists, shaped by ongoing alertness to potential threats.

Occasionally, flights near borders drift into neighboring skies while circling or being guided by radar - when coordination exists with appropriate control agencies.

Not uncommon is this shift during routine maneuvering, so long as communication channels remain active between operators and oversight bodies. Though proxim-

ity may increase complexity, alignment through procedural exchange tends to prevent disputes.

An investigation by the DGCA appears into what caused the aircraft to stray beyond its assigned airspace along with the failure to report it promptly. Despite this, authorities confirm there was never a risk to those on board because air traffic control maintained oversight during the entire episode.

Further investigation of the issue continues.



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FLYERS TO UNDERGO SCREENING FOR EBOLA

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Civil Aviation and Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) on Thursday launched 'AIR SUVIDHA 2.0,' an upgraded contactless passenger health self-declaration portal, to strengthen public health surveillance at points of entry in response to the ongoing Ebola disease outbreak.

The launch follows the WHO's declaration of the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on May 17 under the International Health Regulations



(IHR) 2005.

The current outbreak has been confirmed as Bundibugyo virus disease (BVD), and countries bordering DRC and Uganda - including South Sudan - have been assessed as high-risk for transmission, as per WHO.

India has not reported any Ebola cases. Following the WHO announcement, India tightened its surveillance and public preparedness. All suspected

Ebola cases were also found to be negative. The government has also issued a travel advisory warning Indians to avoid non-essential travel to the DRC, Uganda, and South Sudan due to the Ebola outbreak.



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AI operates first flight from Varanasi under hub and spoke model



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Air India on Thursday operated the first flight from Varanasi under the Hub and Spoke model, which seeks to provide seamless connectivity between smaller cities and overseas destinations, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying the initiative will bring India's regions closer to global opportunities.

After inaugurating the first flight, Civil Aviation Minister K Ramamohan Naidu said such services will commence from six more cities in six weeks.

The model that seeks to make India a global aviation hub will enable seamless connectivity between Tier-II and Tier-III airports with international destinations.

Passengers arriving from smaller cities will be routed through major hub airports such as Delhi for onward international connections.

The inaugural 'Easy Connect' flight AI1111 departed from Varanasi at 9.30 am and landed at Delhi at around 10.50 am, and further passengers would be connected to nine international destinations, including Dubai, Colombo, Jeddah and Phuket.

In a message on Thursday, Modi said the Hub and Spoke international flights model would reduce travel time for passengers, as well as bring regions of India closer to global opportunities.

Modi said better international connectivity creates new opportunities for trade, tourism, investment, education and business.



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AI flight strays into Pak space

■ **NEW DELHI:** An Air India plane operating a flight from the national capital strayed into the Pakistan airspace on Monday night while manoeuvring a go-around at the Amritsar airport. Aviation regulator DGCA on Wednesday said interim action has been taken against the air traffic controller in Amritsar and also the airline's operating crew for non-reporting of the event. In a statement on Wednesday, the airline said the incident has been reported to the regulatory authorities and is being investigated internally. **PTI**



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Indigo to resume Madurai-Abu Dhabi flights from Aug 14

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Madurai: IndiGo will resume direct flights between Madurai and Abu Dhabi from Aug 14, nearly six months after services were suspended due to tensions in the Gulf region.

“The suspension affected passengers across Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, Sivaganga, Ramanathapuram and Tirunelveli districts while reducing international traffic and revenue at the airport,” said an Airports Authority of India (AAI) official.

“The direct flight took about four hours. After the suspension, I had to travel through Bengaluru or Hyderabad, and the journey took seven to 10 hours including layovers,” said S Mohamed Ismail, a Madurai-based construction materials trader who travels to Abu Dhabi once a month.