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उड़ान के पहले व उसके दौरान किसी वन्य जीव के सामने आने की स्थिति से निपटने के लिए रेस्क्यू केंद्र बनाया गया

## ट्रायल से पहले एयरपोर्ट परिसर में दिखे पांच हिरण, रेस्क्यू कर छोड़े

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

ग्रेटर नोएडा। 15 नवंबर को होने वाले रनवे के ट्रायल से पहले नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट परिसर में पांच हिरण दिखाई दिए, जिनको रेस्क्यू करके प्राकृतिक वन क्षेत्र में छोड़ दिया गया है।

उड़ान के पहले और उसके दौरान किसी भी प्रकार के वन्य जीव के सामने आने की स्थिति से निपटने के लिए एयरपोर्ट के पास ही वन्य जीव रेस्क्यू केंद्र बनाया गया है। जो खास इसी मकसद से है। इसके लिए यमुना प्राधिकरण की ओर से 5 हेक्टेयर जमीन वन विभाग को दी गई है। साथ ही 46 लाख रुपये भी दिए गए हैं।

उपकरण की जांच के बाद अब रनवे ट्रायल अहम है। नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय



सांकेतिक

**15** नवंबर से होना है रनवे का ट्रायल उपकरणों की जांच पहले ही हो चुकी है

एयरपोर्ट के पहले चरण में 1,334 हेक्टेयर भूमि पर निर्माण हो रहा है। इसमें छह गांव शामिल हैं। यह स्थान नील गाय, ब्लैक बक, भारतीय चिंकारे, बंदर, सुनहरे

### टिकट बुकिंग और लाइसेंसिंग प्रक्रिया

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए बुकिंग हवाई अड्डे के आधिकारिक उद्घाटन से 90 दिन पहले शुरू होने की संभावना है, जबकि घरेलू टिकट छह सप्ताह पहले उपलब्ध होंगे।

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- शैलेश भाटिया, ओएसडी, यमुना प्राधिकरण

सियार, जंगली बिल्लियां, सारस समेत वन्य जीवों का घर है।

निर्माण के दौरान कुछ वन्य जीवों ने अपना ठिकाना बदल लिया जबकि कुछ

दिखाई दे जाते हैं। अप्रैल 2025 में नियमित उड़ान शुरू होने से पहले यहां पर सुरक्षित उड़ान की तैयारियों के मद्देनजर रेस्क्यू केंद्र भी अहम है।

### एयरपोर्ट के बिजली सब स्टेशन को देखने पहुंचे एमडी

ग्रेटर नोएडा। 17 अप्रैल 2025 में नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट पर उड़ान शुरू करने की तैयारियों के क्रम में यहां के लिए बिजली आपूर्ति करने वाले बिजली सब स्टेशन का शुक्रवार को उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रांसमिशन निगम लिमिटेड (यूपीपीटीसीएल) प्रबंधन निदेशक (ट्रांसमिशन) रणवीर प्रसाद ने निरीक्षण किया। इसके साथ ही अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट को भविष्य में पोषित करने के लिए तैयार की जा रही 220 केवी लाइन की ताजा स्थिति को भी समीक्षा की गई। शुक्रवार को प्रबंधन निदेशक रणवीर प्रसाद ने समीक्षा के दौरान 2025 में लोड की स्थिति का भी आकलन किया। साथ ही वितरण के नेटवर्क के बारे में चर्चा की। वह ग्रेटर नोएडा प्राधिकरण और यमुना प्राधिकरण भी पहुंचे। यहां पर अधिकारियों के साथ निर्माण की स्थिति पर चर्चा की। ब्यूरो



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## No bomb found on Indian flight to Colombo, say airport authorities

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COLOMBO

No bomb was found on the Vistara flight which received a threat call minutes before it landed at the Bandaranaike International Airport here on Thursday, authorities said.

The airport authorities said they declared a full emergency response to a bomb scare reported on the Colombo-bound Vistara flight from Mumbai.

"A non-specific call on a bomb threat was reported to the flight before landing at BIA. Accordingly, the security agencies and relevant authorities adopted all precautionary and preventive measures," a statement said.

The flight with 107 passengers, one infant, and eight crew on board landed safely at the airport at 1455 hours, the statement said.

"All passengers were safely evacuated from the



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aircraft to the passenger terminal," it said.

On Thursday, more than 70 flights of various Indian airlines received bomb threats.

Around 20 flights each of Air India, Vistara, and

IndiGo received bomb threats while Akasa Air got the threats for about 14 flights.

In 11 days, nearly 250 flights operated by the Indian carriers have received the bomb threats.



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### आगरा एयरपोर्ट को उड़ाने की धमकी, 20 दिन बाद मुकदमा

जासं, आगरा : वाराणसी, कानपुर व अन्य एयरपोर्टों को उड़ाए जाने की धमकी के बाद आगरा एयरपोर्ट को उड़ाने की धमकी का मामला सामने आया है। 20 दिन पहले ईमेल भेजा गया। बुधवार रात सीआइएसएफ के सब इंस्पेक्टर ने मामले में शाहगंज थाने में मुकदमा दर्ज कराया है। धमकी के बाद एयरपोर्ट पर सतर्कता बढ़ा दी है। धमकी भेजने वाले की

जांच सुरक्षा एजेंसियों के साथ ही साइबर सेल की टीम भी कर रही है। पिछले कुछ समय से भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों की उड़ानों को लगातार बम से उड़ाने की धमकी दी जा रही है। चार अक्टूबर को दोपहर 1.16 बजे केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल इकाई आगरा एयरपोर्ट की आधिकारिक ईमेल आइडी पर धमकी भरा ईमेल भेजा गया।



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## अगले 20 वर्षों में 200 और हवाई अड्डे बनाएगा भारत

नई दिल्ली, प्रेटर: भारत के उड्डयन क्षेत्र में वृद्धि की संभावनाओं की जानकारी देते हुए केंद्रीय मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने गुरुवार को कहा कि अगले 20 वर्षों में भारत में 200 और हवाई अड्डों के विकसित होने की उम्मीद है। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री ने कहा कि इस अवधि के दौरान कंपनियों को चार हजार और विमानों की आवश्यकता होगा।

इस समय भारतीय कंपनियां करीब 800 विमानों का संचालन कर रही हैं और 1,200 से ज्यादा नए विमानों के लिए आर्डर दे रखा है। बीते 10 वर्षों में हवाई अड्डों की संख्या दोगुना बढ़कर 157 हो गई है और अगले पांच वर्षों में 50 और हवाई अड्डे तैयार होने की उम्मीद है। एयरबस इंडिया के दिल्ली में दक्षिण एशिया मुख्यालय का उद्घाटन करते हुए नायडू ने कहा कि हवाई अड्डों को रोजगार सृजन, आर्थिक गतिविधियों और वाणिज्य केंद्र के रूप में स्थापित किया जाना चाहिए।

## एयरपोर्ट उड़ाने की धमकी की जांच साइबर सेल को

जागरण संवाददाता, कानपुर : ई-मेल भेजकर चकेरी एयरपोर्ट को उड़ाने की धमकी देने के मामले की अब साइबर सेल जांच करेगी। डीसीपी ने क्राइम ब्रांच की साइबर सेल को जांच सौंप दी है।

दो ई-मेल एट्रेस के जरिए चार से छह अक्टूबर के बीच केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (सीआइएसएफ) की आधिकारिक मेल पर चकेरी एयरपोर्ट को बम से उड़ा देने की धमकी दी गई थी। गृहमंत्रालय को जानकारी देने के बाद सीआइएसएफ के सहायक कमांडेंट केएस राठौड़ ने बुधवार को चकेरी थाने में तहरीर देकर मुकदमा दर्ज कराया था। चकेरी पुलिस ने अज्ञात ई-मेल के आधार पर मुकदमा दर्ज किया है। डीसीपी पूर्वी श्रवण कुमार सिंह ने बताया कि उन्होंने मामले की जांच साइबर सेल को सौंप दी है। साइबर सेल मुख्य रूप से इस बिंदु पर जांच करेगी कि ई-मेल किस आइपी एट्रेस से जेनरेट हुई है। इसके आधार पर ही जांच को आगे बढ़ाया जाएगा।

आइपी एट्रेस के बाद सबसे महत्वपूर्ण है ई-मेल हेडर की जांच : मेल हेडर ई-मेल का एक हिस्सा होता है, जिसमें ई-मेल के बारे में जानकारी होती है। आइपी एट्रेस और मेल

- ई-मेल से चकेरी हवाई अड्डा को बम से उड़ाने की दी थी धमकी
- डीसीपी पूर्वी ने सौंपी जांच, जल्द राजफाश के लिए निर्देश

### इन बिंदुओं जांच करेगी साइबर सेल

- डिजिटल फोरेंसिक
- ई-मेल हेडर
- नेटवर्क ट्रेस
- इंटरनेट मीडिया
- आनलाइन गतिविधि

मुकदमा दर्ज करने के बाद पूरे मामले की जांच साइबर सेल को सौंप दी गई है। जल्द ही साइबर सेल की टीम धमकी भरी ई-मेल भेजने वाले आरोपित को गिरफ्तार कर पूरे मामले का राजफाश करेगी।

श्रवण कुमार सिंह, डीसीपी पूर्वी

ट्रांसफर एजेंट (एटीए) आदि विवरण होते हैं। ई-मेल हेडर का उपयोग ई-मेल की जांच और विश्लेषण के लिए किया जाता है। स्पैम ई-मेल की पहचान, ई-मेल के रूट की जांच की जाती है। तकनीकी रूप से ऐसी जांच बेहद कठिन हो जाती है।



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## Mumbai Airport reports 5.3% traffic growth

PASSENGER TRAFFIC AT Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport grew by 5.3% y-o-y at 26.68-million in H1 FY25, aided by a higher growth in the international travel, according to sources. PTI



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## ‘One Nation Billion Celebrations’ at Ahm airport



**FPJ News Service**  
AHMEDABAD

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad (SVPIA), managed by Adani Airport Holdings Limited, a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Ltd., the flagship incubator of the globally diversified Adani Portfolio, launched One Nation Billion Celebrations, the annual festival and shopping, aimed to delight domestic and international travelers, alike. From 15th October, 2024 until 10th January, 2025 ONBC will feature a series of regional festi-

val celebrations, thematic decor, passenger engagement activations, and an enticing contest where passengers may win assured gifts. Throughout the campaign, passengers journeying through SVPIA will be immersed in the diverse cultural landscape of India, enjoying the jubilant festivities of occasions such as Diwali, Christmas, and New Year. Currently, the Airport has been adorned with captivating thematic decorations for Diwali, encapsulating the essence of new beginnings and the triumph of light over darkness.

Various contests during One Nation Billion Celebrations will offer passengers the chance to win exciting prizes including international trips, a Royal Enfield bike, Croma vouchers, Coke and Rhine Valley Chocolate, as well as many other enticing gifts when they shop at retail outlets at SVPIA. With an abundance of over 100 specially curated brand promotions by more than 80 unique brands, travellers passing through SVPIA are encouraged to explore and enhance their airport experience by participating in One Nation Billion Celebrations.



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## In 20 years, India to develop additional 200 airports: Naidu

**PTI**  
NEW DELHI

Highlighting the growth potential of India's civil aviation space, Union minister K Ram Mohan Naidu on Thursday said the country might need 4,000 more planes in the next 20 years and 200 more airports are expected to be developed during the same period.

Currently, Indian carriers are operating around 800 planes and more than 1,200 aircraft are on order. The number of airports has doubled to 157 in the last 10 years and the count is expected to rise by 50 in the next 5 years.

"In the next 20 years, we might need another 4,000 aircraft to cater to the demand of the Indian aviation sector," Naidu said and stressed on the need for further developing the airport ecosystem in the country.

Airports have to be places for job creation, economic activities and commerce centres, he added.

India is one of the world's fastest growing civil aviation markets.

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

"With expanding air travel, the stress on pilots, both



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physical and mental, is kind of increasing... state-of-the-art simulators being set up are going to provide a world-class training environment where pilots can practice complex procedures in a very realistic environment," Naidu said.

The minister also mentioned about efforts to ensure more ease of doing business and long-term plans to design and manufacture planes in India.

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

The Airbus centre will also serve as a pilot and maintenance training centre that will accommodate four A320neo Full Flight Simulators (FFS).



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KOLKATA

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



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

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

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## — CYCLONE: 'AIRCRAFT PARKED ON THE BAYS WILL BE TIED UP' — Kolkata airport takes measures to ensure safety of people, planes & infrastructure

**KOLKATA:** As the time of suspending flight operations gradually approaches in the wake of Cyclone Dana, the Kolkata airport authorities started making arrangements to ensure safety of people and planes and infrastructure at the facility.

Flight operations at the airport will be suspended for 15 hours from 6 pm on Thursday.

All entry and exit doors of the terminal building will be sealed after the last flight departs from the Kolkata airport while the aircraft parked on the bays will be tied up, airport Director Dr Pravat Ranjan Beuria said.

"In addition, all aerobridges will be retracted and ladders will be tied together to prevent those from moving and hitting planes during the storm," Beuria said. Following the standard operating procedure, all vehicles used in the airside of the airport will be removed from the operational area. "All ground handling equipment will also be chained together so that nothing moves due to the gusts," the airport director said.



Security personnel stand guard at closed entry gates of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport after several flights were cancelled, in Kolkata, on Thursday  
PIC/PTI

All ground handling units or agencies will ensure that nothing — no materials related to their work — is left in the open. This is done to ensure that there is no flying debris during the storm.

They could cause damage to aircraft parked on the tarmac, Beuria said. Sources said that airlines work in sync with the authorities of the airport. Other standard safety-related proce-

dures such as lowering of high mast lights and mooring of smaller aircraft will also be done, the sources said.

No light or moveable objects will be left in the open.

Pumps are on standby at the operational area of the airport to drain out water from the premises in case there is inundation due to heavy rainfall induced by the cyclone, the

airport director said. The state government employees have also been informed to make sure that the area around the airport premises, both city side and air side, are free from waterlogging because it needs to be ensured that the approach roads to the airport are clear once operations at the airport resume at 9 am on Friday.

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### Takeaways

- » 'In addition, all aerobridges will be retracted and ladders will be tied together to prevent those from moving and hitting planes during the storm'
- » Following the standard operating procedure, all vehicles used in the airside of the airport will be removed from the operational area



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# NIA nabs Arsha Dala's close associate from IGIA

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday arrested a close associate of Khalistani terrorist Arshdeep Singh Dala alias Arsh Dala from the Delhi Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport.

According to an official statement, Baljeet Singh alias Baljeet Maur of Bathinda in Punjab, was taken into custody by the NIA on his arrival at the IGI airport from the UAE.

NIA investigations have revealed that Baljeet Maur was involved in logistic support, identification of extortion targets, recruitment of new cadres, as well as terror funding to India-based associates of Arsh Dala of the proscribed outfit Khalistan Terrorist Force (KTF).

Besides being wanted in a case related to terror activities of the KTF, Maur was also wanted in



several other cases, the statement said. A non-bailable warrant of arrest was issued against him in June 2024, while a Look Out Circular (LOC) was issued this February, it added. "Maur's arrest marks a significant development in India's fight against terrorism, particularly concerning the activities of the KTF and Dala," the NIA statement said.

The agency said he was iden-

tified as the key conspirator in the KTF conspiracy to unleash terror in Punjab in the case registered suo moto by the NIA on February 13.

As per the NIA case, KTF operatives, members and handlers were engaged in raising terror funds through extortion activities, recruitment of new cadre, targeted killings and smuggling of arms and ammunition into India.



# Corporate Communications Directorate

THE STATESMAN

KOLKATA

25 OCTOBER 2024

## City airport prepares for cyclone, planes tied down

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**  
KOLKATA, 24 OCTOBER

All flight operations from Kolkata airport remained suspended for 15 hours from Thursday evening to Friday morning as the severe cyclone comes closer to West Bengal and Odisha coast.

The Kolkata airport authorities have already sounded alert saying, "In view of Cyclone *Dana*'s impact on the coastal region of West Bengal, including Kolkata, it has been decided to suspend flight operations from 6 pm on Thursday to 9 am on Friday due to predicted heavy winds and heavy to very heavy rainfall in Kolkata."

Air India has also issued an advisory to its passengers, "Kolkata airport will remain closed from 6 pm on 24 October till 9 am on Friday due to severe cyclone. All Air India flights to and from Kolkata are cancelled during this period. If your flight has been rescheduled, please click [here](https://airindia.com/in/en/manage/selfreaccomoda-) <https://airindia.com/in/en/manage/selfreaccomoda->



tion.html to select an alternate option."

As the time of suspending flight operations gradually approached, the Kolkata airport authorities started making arrangements to ensure safety of people and planes and infrastructure at the facility.

All entry and exit doors of the terminal building were sealed after the last flight departed from the city airport while the aircraft parked on the bays were also tied down, top officials of the airport said.

In addition, all aerobridges were retracted and

ladders were tied together to prevent those from moving and hitting planes during the storm, they added.

Following the standard operating procedure, all vehicles used in the airside of the airport have also been removed from the operational area by this evening.

"All ground handling equipment will also be chained together so that nothing moves due to gusts," according to the sources at the airport.

Sources said that airlines work in sync with the authorities of the airport.

Other standard safety-

related procedures such as lowering of high mast lights and mooring of smaller aircraft will also be done, the sources said.

No light or moveable objects will be left in the open.

Pumps are on standby at the operational area of the airport to drain out water from the premises in case there is inundation due to heavy rainfall induced by the cyclone, the airport director said.

State government employees have also been informed to make sure that the area around the airport premises, both city side and air side, are free from waterlogging because it needs to be ensured that the approach roads to the airport are clear once operations at the airport resume at 9 am on Friday.

The IMD said that the cyclone is likely to make landfall between Bhitarkanika National Park and Dhamra port in neighbouring Odisha early Friday. The maximum speed during the landfall process is likely to be around 120 kmph.



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THE TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

25 OCTOBER 2024

## Bomb threat hits 11 flights at airport

SANJAY MANDAL

**Calcutta:** Eleven flights to and from Calcutta received false security threats through social media on Thursday, which delayed the planned shutdown of the airport, as a precaution against Cyclone Dana, by an hour.

Across the country, more than 90 flights were impacted by security threats on Thursday, a problem Indian airlines have been facing for over a week now. Flights of Air India, IndiGo, Vistara, SpiceJet and Akasa Airlines received bomb threats. At the Calcutta airport, seven flights of IndiGo, two of Alliance Air and one each of Akasa Airlines and SpiceJet received threats, said airport officials.

The IndiGo flights impacted were:

- Bengaluru-Calcutta
- Guwahati-Calcutta
- Goa-Calcutta
- Calcutta-Amritsar

- Calcutta-Pune
- Calcutta-Bangalore
- Calcutta-Hyderabad
- The two Alliance Air flights impacted were:
  - Calcutta-Rupshi (Assam)
  - Calcutta-Bilaspur
- The SpiceJet flight impacted:
- Bagdogra-Calcutta
- The Akasa Airlines flight impacted:
- Pune-Calcutta

The impacted flights arriving in Calcutta were taken to the isolation bay and passengers and luggage scanned.

"All customers were safely disembarked. At IndiGo, the safety and security of our customers and crew remains paramount in all facets of our operations... We sincerely regret any inconvenience this situation may have caused our customers and appreciate their understanding," IndiGo said in a statement.

"The security procedures led to a delay in suspending flight operations at the Calcutta airport on Thursday evening," said an official.

Airport officials said this was the fourth time in a week that the Calcutta airport received such bomb threats. They said FIRs have been lodged with police.

In the past few days, more than 170 flights were impacted by hoax threats.

Dana fallout: 4-fold rise in ticket rates, hopping flights

# Airport shuts, fares take off

SANJAY MANDAL

Calcutta: Cyclone Dana and Diwali have pushed airfares to and from Calcutta through the roof.

Calcutta airport decided to shut down for 15 hours, from 6pm on Thursday till 9am on Friday, because the cyclone can trigger crosswinds of up to 80km an hour. But threat calls to 11 flights in and out of the city caused delays, with the last flight taking off at 7pm, officials said.

They said 309 flights, domestic and international, to and from Calcutta had been cancelled because of the approaching storm.

A rush to reach or leave the city before the cyclone struck — and a scurry for rebookings by passengers booked on cancelled flights — caused airfares to rise threefold or even fourfold.

A one-way ticket from Calcutta to Delhi on Thursday morning was priced at ₹35,000. Usually, the fare is around ₹8,000. A seat on a flight from

**HEAVY PRICE** One-way fares for Thursday and Friday (till Thursday afternoon)

Calcutta-Delhi: ₹ 35,000	Chennai-Calcutta: ₹ 21,000
Mumbai-Calcutta: ₹ 35,000	Surat-Calcutta: ₹ 21,000
Bengaluru-Calcutta: ₹ 25,000	Guwahati-Calcutta: ₹ 16,000

Source: Tour operators



Passengers who had arrived at Calcutta airport unaware that flights had been cancelled from 6pm on Thursday to 9am on Friday in view of Cyclone Dana. Picture by Pradip Sanyal

Mumbai to Calcutta on Friday evening cost nearly ₹30,000 when the usual ticket price is around ₹11,000 even if booked "at the last minute", tour operators said.

Many passengers of the cancelled flights were unable to secure seats for the next two days.

Some of them had to take hopping flights to or out of Calcutta, with stopovers in other cities.

For them, a journey that takes two to two-and-a-half hours on a direct flight would now take six to seven hours.

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## STORM IMPACT ON CALCUTTA



An aircraft being tethered at the Calcutta airport on Thursday



Baggage trolleys tied with ropes at the departure level of the airport. Pictures by Pradip Sanyal



Sandbags placed in front of a gate at the departure level of the airport to fortify it against strong winds



A near empty South City Mall on Thursday evening

# Dana fallout: Airport shut, fares take off

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Park Street resident Yamini Mehta, who has had surgery at a private hospital in Mumbai, was to catch an 8pm flight on Thursday back to Calcutta with her husband Manish and son Manan. The flight was cancelled because of the airport closure.

"We were booked with Akasa Airlines. The airline told us they would be able to rebook us on a flight only for October 29 because there are no seats on the flights before that," Yamini said.

"So, we bought fresh tickets for an IndiGo flight that will depart at 8.10 on Friday evening. Each ticket cost us Rs 27,000."

The family had bought their Akasa tickets for Rs 9,000 one way, per passenger.

However, with just two seats available on the IndiGo flight, son Manan will have to take a hopping flight from Mumbai to Calcutta, with a stopover at Bangalore.

"The flight will take off

from Mumbai at midnight on Saturday and reach Calcutta at 6am," Yamini said.

Calcutta-based businessman Arindam Chakraborty had an IndiGo ticket for an 11am Mumbai-to-Calcutta flight on Friday. Although the airport is expected to become operational by 9am, the airline told Chakraborty the flight had been cancelled since the preceding flight from Calcutta would not be able to arrive in Mumbai before 11am.

"I have rebooked on an IndiGo flight from Mumbai to Calcutta that makes a stopover at Bagdogra," Chakraborty said. He will be boarding the flight at 8am in Mumbai and expects to reach Calcutta around 3.30pm.

His daughter Aatreyee had to reach Delhi on Thursday because she has an examination on Friday morning.

"The one-way fare for the Vistara flight was Rs 35,000, which was exorbitant," Chakraborty said.

He bought a ticket for an IndiGo flight from Calcutta

to Chandigarh and onwards to Srinagar, from where his daughter would catch a flight to Delhi. The total fare came to Rs 19,000, he said. She boarded the flight at 3.30pm from Calcutta, expecting to reach Delhi around 9pm.

"The cancellation of so many flights triggered a huge rush, which added to the heavy traffic for Diwali. This has pushed up airfares to levels that we usually see a day or two before Diwali," said Anil Punjabi, national committee member of the Travel Agents Federation of India, representing the eastern region.

"We have been flooded with phone calls for rebooking and fresh tickets since Thursday morning. Several people cancelled their travel plans because of the high fares."

Sources in several airlines said that passengers' frantic rush to rebook caused their websites to malfunction on Thursday. As a result, many passengers were left phoning call centres and finding themselves put on hold for long periods.



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

AHMEDABAD

25 OCTOBER 2024

## SVPI airport deals with two more bomb hoaxes

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Ahmedabad:** The Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) Airport in Ahmedabad dealt with two more bomb threats on Thursday, both turning out to be hoaxes. The threats rattled airlines, passengers, security personnel and other stakeholders. The affected flights—QP1534 from Mopa (North Goa) to Ahmedabad and 6E 112 from Chandigarh to Ahmedabad—were immediately inspected and declared safe.

The threats led to flight delays and heightened security measures. This is the ninth such bomb threat handled at the SVPI airport since May 2024 and the fifth in the past 12 days, according to sources.

Sources at the city airport responded swiftly as security personnel, CISF and bomb squad were promptly deployed to search the aircraft thoroughly and check passenger IDs and luggage.

An Akasa Air spokesperson confirmed the incident about the security alert. "The airline's emergency response team was promptly activated, and safety protocols were followed

in real-time coordination with local authorities. Captains and crew members adhered to emergency procedures and all affected passengers were assisted," the spokesperson stated. After thorough inspection, the aircraft was cleared for flying again.

Similarly, IndiGo flight 6E 112 was taken to an isolation bay upon landing in Ahmedabad, where all passengers were safely disembarked.

"We worked closely with the authorities and standard operating procedures were followed. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this situation may have caused to our customers and appreciate their understanding," an IndiGo airline spokesperson said.

Repeated instances of bomb threats received by airlines are not just a nightmare for stakeholders but are also causing widespread disruptions such as delays and rescheduling of flights.

The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) is working closely with the ministry of home affairs on the matter, according to airport sources.



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

BANGALORE

25 OCTOBER 2024

## Mumbai airport gets therapy dogs to de-stress passengers

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**Mumbai:** The timing to introduce trained therapy dogs at Mumbai airport's T2 terminal from Friday onwards is 'pawfect', since several flights have been delayed due to bomb hoax calls, leading to enraged, stressed-out passengers. But imagine waiting for a long time in the departures lounge due to a delay when you see a wagging furry dog in front, with the words 'Pet Me' printed on the collar.

Talking to **TOI**, Niharika Sekhri, who runs the Pawfect Life kennel, said, "We have done a one-year contract with Adani Group's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport to provide therapy dogs within the airport premises to de-stress passengers. Many international airports, such as in America and recently at Istanbul (Turkey), use therapy dogs."

Sekhri, who graduated from Nash Academy of Animal Arts, Kentucky USA, to study human engagement with therapy dogs, further commented, "From this Friday onwards, we will use some of our trained therapy dogs at the T2 departures



The trained canines will have 'Pet Me' printed on their collar

area to interact with people. Our dogs include a Golden Retriever, a Husky (which is a rescued dog), and also a desi Indie dog among others. These dogs received proper training on how to spread joy and calm down people. So, we are looking forward to this assignment."

Earlier, another animal welfare group provided therapy dogs to Mumbai airport, but this service was later stopped during the Covid pandemic. "We have also been providing therapy dogs to various corporate companies to de-stress their employees.

Our furry kids have been trained and monitored for their sensitivity to loud noises, huge crowd interaction, suddenly being grasped, or being petted by children, etc."

Welcoming the reintroduction of therapy dogs at the airport, pet transportation expert, Vinayak Prabhu of Furry Flyers company, said, "It is the right time to have therapy dogs at the Mumbai airport as many flights have been affected due to threat calls by anonymous persons. Passengers will tend to forget delays as they start petting or playing with these dogs."



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THE TRIBUNE

DELHI

25 OCTOBER 2024

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## 50 more airports set to come up in five years

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

Highlighting the growth potential of India's civil aviation space, Union minister K Ram Mohan Naidu on Thursday said the country might need 4,000 more planes in the next 20 years and 200 more airports are expected to be developed during the same period.

Currently, Indian carriers are operating around 800 planes and more than 1,200 aircraft are on order. The number of airports has doubled to 157 in the last 10 years and the count is expected to rise by 50 in the next 5 years.

"In the next 20 years, we might need another 4,000 aircraft to cater to the demand of the Indian aviation sector," Naidu said and stressed on the need for further developing the airport ecosystem in the country. Airports have to be places for job creation, economic activities and commerce centres, he added.

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



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THE ASSAM TRIBUNE

GUWAHATI

25 OCTOBER 2024

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

NEW DELHI, Oct 24: The government has asked social media platforms Meta and X to share data about hoax bomb threat messages to airlines and has started identifying those behind such activities, even as more than 80 flights received the threats today.

Sources in the know said the government has also asked top multinational technology conglomerates to cooperate with it in helping identify those behind such hoax calls, saying this involves public good.

In 11 days, more than 250 flights operated by the Indian carriers have received bomb threats. Most of the threats were issued through social media.

According to the top government sources, the government has traced some of the culprits and that action is

being taken accordingly.

However, they did not provide specific details like from where these hoax messages came from and who were behind them.

“The government has told social media companies Meta and X to share data pertaining to such hoax calls and messages made on their platforms targeting several airlines and asked them to cooperate,” one of the sources said.

The source also said “they will have to cooperate and provide data since this involves public good at large”. This was in response to a query on whether the social media companies are cooperating with the government or not on the issue.

More than 80 domestic and international flights of various Indian airlines received bomb threats today, sources said.

The sources said around 20 flights each of Air India, Vistara, and IndiGo got bomb threats while Akasa Air got the threats for 13 flights. Besides, around 5 flights each of Alliance Air and SpiceJet received the threats, they added.

An IndiGo spokesperson in a statement today said it received security-related alerts for 20 flights. As many as 13 flights of Akasa Air operating today received security alerts and that after thorough inspections, all the aircraft concerned were released for operations, an airline spokesperson said.

“The airport services teams at all impacted airports coordinated with local authorities to ensure efficient handling of the situation including safe deplaning of passengers, assistance and refreshments as re-

quired,” the spokesperson said in a statement.

In a statement, a Vistara spokesperson said that a few of its flights today received security threats on social media.

At least six flights to and from Kochi airport received bomb threats today. It included one SpiceJet flight from Dubai to Kochi, airport sources said.

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

Earlier this week, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammo-han Naidu said the government plans to take legislative actions to deal with instances of bomb threats to airlines, including placing perpetrators of such threats in the no-fly list. – PTI



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AMAR UJALA

DELHI

26 OCTOBER 2024

## अब 27 विमानों और आंध्र के तीन होटलों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी

नई दिल्ली/मुंबई। घरेलू एवं अंतरराष्ट्रीय 27 उड़ानों को शुक्रवार को फिर बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली। वहीं, आंध्र प्रदेश में तीन होटलों को भी ईमेल के जरिये बम की धमकी दी गई। पुलिस एफआईआर दर्ज कर जांच कर रही है।



सूत्रों ने बताया कि इंडिगो, विस्तारा व स्पाइसजेट की सात-सात उड़ानों, जबकि एअर इंडिया की छह उड़ानों को धमकी मिली। इंडिगो के प्रवक्ता ने बताया कि जिन उड़ानों को धमकी मिली, उनमें कोझिकोड से दम्मम, उदयपुर से दिल्ली, दिल्ली से इस्तांबुल, जेद्दा से मुंबई, उदयपुर से दिल्ली, मुंबई से इस्तांबुल, हैदराबाद से चंडीगढ़ व पुणे से जोधपुर उड़ान शामिल हैं। उन्होंने बताया, इसके बाद सुरक्षा संबंधी दिशा-निर्देशों का पालन किया गया और विमान की जांच की गई। सभी यात्रियों को विमान से सुरक्षित उतार लिया गया। 12 दिन में 275 से अधिक उड़ानों को धमकी मिली है। ब्यूरो



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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

26 OCTOBER 2024

## After 7 quarters, IndiGo slips into red, posting ₹986-cr loss in Q2 as costs soar

**Our Bureau**  
Mumbai

After seven consecutive quarters of profit, Inter-Globe Aviation slipped into the red, posting a net loss of ₹986 crore in Q2 of FY25.

In the same period last year, the company, which operates India's largest domestic airline IndiGo, had reported a net profit of ₹188 crore.

The airline management blamed seasonality, temporary headwinds such as grounding of aircraft and inflationary pressure for its weak performance. Total expenses grew 22 per cent to ₹18,666 crore y-o-y.

Heightened competition, especially on international routes, also impacted the yields.

Load factors remained flat at 82.6 per cent. Revenue from operations grew by 13.6 per cent on a y-o-y basis to

Q2 scorecard		
	Q2 FY25	Q2 FY 24
Revenue from operations	16,969	14,943
Ebitdar	243	2,446
Net profit/loss	(986)	188
Load factor (%)	82.6	83.3

Source: Company

₹16,969 crore while the deployed capacity was higher by over 8 per cent. This is far slower than the nearly 20 per cent contribution to revenue growth in the second quarter of last year.

While the airline is seeing a demand boost due to the festival season, revenue could see a moderation compared to last year.

The airline's Chief Financial Officer Gaurav Negi said expenses were higher due to various factors, such as increase in value added tax on aviation fuel, higher fuel burn owing to increased congestion at airports and rising aircraft lease rentals.

On the positive side, the number of grounded aircraft which stood in the mid-70s has reduced to high 60s. The number of grounded planes is set to reduce further to around 40 by next March. This is expected to ease some of the cost pressures as the airline can return some of its leased aircraft.

"We continue to capitalise on the growth of the Indian market and associated opportunities and at the same time remain a cost leader in this competitive market," CEO Pieter Elbers said.

### NEW DESTINATIONS

Elbers said that IndiGo would soon start flights to five new destinations, including Penang and Langkawi in Malaysia.

With the strong demand for international travel, the airline is also set to increase capacity deployed on international routes to 30 per cent of total, up from the current 28 per cent.

# सात तिमाही बाद फिर घाटे में गई इंडिगो

दीपक पटेल

नई दिल्ली, 25 अक्टूबर

विमान कंपनी इंडिगो को चालू वित्त वर्ष की दूसरी तिमाही (जुलाई-सितंबर) में 986.7 करोड़ रुपये का शुद्ध घाटा हुआ है। महंगे ईंधन, हवाई अड्डों का शुल्क बढ़ने, विमानों के ठप होने, पट्टे का खर्च बढ़ने तथा अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजारों से कम कमाई होने कंपनी को घाटा उठाना पड़ा है।

देश की सबसे बड़ी विमानन कंपनी सात तिमाही तक मुनाफा कमाने के बाद घाटे में गई है। इससे पहले वित्त वर्ष 2023 की दूसरी तिमाही में इंडिगो को 1,583.3 करोड़ रुपये का घाटा हुआ था।

निवेशकों के साथ बातचीत के दौरान इंडिगो के मुख्य वित्त अधिकारी गौरव नेगी ने कहा कि सितंबर तिमाही में कंपनी के करीब 75 विमान ठप पड़े थे मगर इंजन विनिर्माता प्रेट ऐंड व्हिटनी के साथ बातचीत के बाद अब ऐसे विमानों की संख्या धीरे-धीरे कम हो रही है।

उन्होंने कहा, 'अब हमारे ठप विमानों की संख्या 70 से कम रह गई है। मूल उपकरण विनिर्माता के साथ हमारी बातचीत के आधार पर हम उम्मीद कर रहे हैं कि साल के अंत तक बंद पड़े विमानों की संख्या घटकर 60-65 के बीच रह सकती है और अगले वित्त वर्ष की शुरुआत तक बंद पड़े विमानों की संख्या 40 के आसपास रह सकती है।'

सितंबर 2023 में प्रेट ऐंड व्हिटनी ने कहा था कि उनके इंजन में पाउडर मेटल की खामी हो

## इंडिगो का लेखाजोखा

	वित्त वर्ष 2024	वित्त वर्ष 2025	बदलाव
	दूसरी तिमाही		
कुल आय	15,502.9	17,759.0	-12.3
कुल खर्च	15,313.8	18,666.1	7.0
शुद्ध मुनाफा	188.9	-986.7	-136.2

नोट : आय, खर्च और मुनाफा करोड़ रुपये में। बदलाव फीसदी में।  
स्रोत : इंडिगो



सकती है जिससे कलपुर्जे क्रेक हो सकते हैं। प्रेट ऐंड व्हिटनी द्वारा इस नई समस्या की जांच पूरी होने तक इंडिगो ने करीब 35 विमानों को उड़ाना बंद कर दिया था। इससे पहले भी टर्बोफैन में गड़बड़ी के कारण इंडिगो को करीब 40 विमानों को खड़ा करना पड़ा था।

इंडिगो को क्षमता बढ़ाने के लिए विदेशी विमान कंपनियों से विमानों को पट्टे पर लेना पड़ा। इसकी वजह से कंपनी की अन्य लागत भी बढ़ गई। (शेष पृष्ठ 2 पर)

# सात तिमाही बाद फिर घाटे में गई इंडिगो

पेज 1 का शेष

नेगी ने कहा कि हवाई अड्डों का वार्षिक अनुबंध शुल्क भी बढ़ गया है, जिससे कंपनी को ज्यादा खर्च करना पड़ रहा है।

वित्त वर्ष 2025 की जुलाई-सितंबर तिमाही में इंडिगो का ईंधन संबंधी खर्च 12.8 फीसदी बढ़कर 6,605.2 करोड़ रुपये रहा। नेगी ने कहा, 'बुनियादी ईंधन का खर्च साल-दर-साल घटी है मगर खपत बढ़ने, कुछ राज्यों में विमानन ईंधन पर मूल्य वर्धित कर बढ़ाए जाने और प्रमुख हवाई अड्डों पर विमानों की भीड़ बढ़ने से कुल ईंधन लागत बढ़ गई है।'

इंडिगो के मुख्य कार्याधिकारी पीटर एल्बर्स ने भी हवाई अड्डों पर विमानों के जमावड़े को विस्तार से बताया। उन्होंने कहा, 'बुनियादी ढांचा बढ़ाने पर कई प्रयास किए गए हैं मगर दिल्ली और मुंबई जैसे प्रमुख हवाई अड्डों पर इस स्तर के बुनियादी ढांचे को तैयार करने में अभी थोड़ा समय लगेगा। इसका असर विमानों के परिचालन प्रदर्शन के साथ-साथ इन हवाई अड्डों की क्षमता बढ़ाने पर भी पड़ेगा।'

मुंबई हवाई अड्डे के पास और विस्तार के लिए जगह नहीं है और उसका रनवे पूरी क्षमता से काम कर रहा है। इस साल जून में दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे के टर्मिनल 1 के बाहर की छत ढहने के बाद इस टर्मिनल से विमानों का परिचालन बंद कर दिया गया था। हालांकि सितंबर से टर्मिनल 1 के कुछ हिस्सों को खोला गया है मगर बड़े हिस्से में अभी भी काम चल रहा है।

# IndiGo swings into red in Q2 over cost blues

Aircraft groundings peaked to 'mid-70s' but situation is easing

## FIRST LOSS IN 7 QUARTERS

(₹ cr)	Q2 FY24	Q1 FY25	Q2 FY25	Q-o-Q chg (%)	Y-o-Y chg (%)
Total income	15502.9	20248.9	17759	-12.3%	14.6%
Total expenses	15313.8	17444.9	18666.1	7.0%	21.9%
Net profit/loss	188.9	2728.8	-986.7	Profit to loss	Profit to loss

Source: IndiGo

**DEEPAK PATEL**

New Delhi, 25 October

Missing Street estimates, India's largest airline IndiGo posted a consolidated net loss of ₹986.7 crore for the second quarter of the 2024-25 financial year, driven by rising fuel costs, increased airport charges, higher aircraft lease expenses, grounded planes, seasonal downturn, and lower yields in the international market.

This loss marks the first time in seven quarters that IndiGo has slipped into the red, with the airline last reporting a net loss of ₹1,583.3 crore in the second quarter of 2022-23.

A *Bloomberg* survey of brokerages had forecast an average profit of ₹134 crore for a quarter that usually sees seasonally tepid demand.

IndiGo's Chief Financial Officer, Gaurav Negi, in a call with investors, noted that aircraft groundings peaked in the "mid-70s" during the September quarter, although these numbers are beginning to decline, with grounded planes expected to drop to the "up-60s (between 60 and 65)" by the end of 2024, and further to the "40s" by early next financial year.

This, Negi said, is based "our current discussion with the original equipment manufacturer (Pratt & Whitney, or PW)", whose engines are a primary cause of the ongoing disruptions.

PW flagged a potential

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## Recoveries drive BoB's bottom line up 23% in Sep qtr

Bank of Baroda's (BoB's) net profit during the second quarter of 2024-25 rose 23.2 per cent year-on-year to ₹5,238 crore, backed by a rise in non-interest income and decline in provisions for stressed loans.

## IDBI Bank's profit rises 39% to ₹1,836 crore

IDBI Bank on Friday reported a healthy 39 per cent Y-o-Y jump in its net profit for Q2FY25 to ₹1,836 crore on improvement in net interest margins and an uptick in non-interest income.

## BANDHAN BANK PROFIT GROWS 30% TO ₹937 CR

defect in its engines in September 2023, leading to additional groundings as safety inspections were carried out. The discovery of powder metal issues prompted IndiGo to ground about 35 aircraft for PW's detailed checks. Prior to this, around 40 of IndiGo's aircraft were grounded due to an older problem with PW engines' geared turbofan.

# IndiGo's fuel-related expenses rise sharply by 12.8%

To offset capacity shortages, IndiGo has leased planes from external sources, including Boeing 737s from Qatar Airways, though this has raised "other costs" significantly.

"Other costs, which are not related to fuel or foreign exchange issues, have increased largely due to groundings and the mitigation-related costs (lease costs). The annual contractual charges at airports have also increased, driven by the new control periods (set by the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority)," Negi said.

Fuel-related expenses have also risen sharply, climbing 12.8 per cent year-on-

year to ₹6,605.2 crore, attributed to factors such as heightened value-added tax on aviation turbine fuel (ATF) in certain states, changes in IndiGo's fleet mix, and intensifying airport congestion at major hubs.

Chief Executive Pieter Elbers highlighted infrastructure challenges, noting that congestion in key locations like Delhi and Mumbai is a significant hurdle. "While a lot of effort is being made to make sure that the infrastructure is being ramped up, the infrastructure at major locations, such as Delhi and Mumbai, will take time to match this growth. This will have an impact on the operational performance of airlines, as

well as their ability to increase capacity at these airports."

The runway at Mumbai's airport, for instance, has reached its operational capacity. Only one part of Delhi's Terminal 1 has resumed handling flight (in September) as it is still under refurbishment following a roof collapse in June that killed one person.

Negi pointed out that while revenue from the domestic market, which makes up over three-quarters of IndiGo's passenger income, grew more than the international market, yields from which moderated vis-à-vis last year.

Elbers noted that IndiGo is witnessing increased competition internationally as "India has become a very lucrative market for people."

IndiGo remains focused on its international expansion, with plans to add three destinations by the financial year's end, bringing its total to 40. "The share of international capacity (in terms of available seat kilometers) would then reach 30 per cent," the CEO noted.

While the September quarter is generally weak for the airlines, the airline's long-term view of the Indian aviation market remains strong, Elbers added.

## SpiceJet settles \$4.5 mn dispute with SES for \$2 mn



Domestic carrier SpiceJet on Friday announced it has settled a \$4.5 million dispute with Shannon Engine Support (SES) for an aggregate sum of \$2 million. This settlement with SES follows three other financial agreements by the airline in recent weeks, SpiceJet said in a statement. Both parties – SpiceJet and Shanon Engine Support – have reached this agreement through amicable negotiations, choosing to resolve the matter outside the courtroom, the airline said.

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# More than 25 flights receive hoax bomb threats

More than 25 domestic and international flights operated by Indian carriers received bomb threats on Friday, according to sources. In 12 days, more than 275 flights operated by the Indian carriers have received hoax bomb threats. Most of the threats were issued through social media. On Thursday, over 70 flights received bomb threats. An IndiGo spokesperson said 7 of its flights, including 6E 87 from Kozhikode to Dammam, got security-related alerts. The sources in the know said around 7 flights each of IndiGo, Vistara and SpiceJet got the threats while 6 flights of Air India received the threats.

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## भास्कर Analysis • विमान खड़े होने, ईंधन की लागत बढ़ने से देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन को 2 साल में पहली बार नुकसान इंडिगो की आय 13% बढ़ी; पर खर्च 22% बढ़ने से ₹986 करोड़ के घाटे में आई कंपनी, अप्रैल-जून में हुआ था ₹2,728 करोड़ मुनाफा

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बीती तिमाही इंडिगो ने 79.6 करोड़ का टैक्स चुकाया, 1 साल पहले सिर्फ 20 लाख चुकाया था

अन्य कंपनियों के नतीजे

देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन इंडिगो ऑपरेट करने वाली कंपनी इंटरग्लोब एविएशन दो साल में पहली बार घाटे में आई। जुलाई-सितंबर तिमाही में इसे 987 करोड़ रुपए का घाटा हुआ। विमान खड़े होने और ईंधन महंगा होने से खर्च में बढ़ोतरी इसकी वजह रही। अप्रैल-जून में कंपनी ने 2,728 करोड़ का मुनाफा कमाया था। जुलाई-सितंबर 2023 में भी कंपनी को 189 करोड़ का मुनाफा हुआ था।

बीती तिमाही इंडिगो की आय 13.6% बढ़कर 16,970 करोड़ रुपए हो गई। लेकिन एयरपोर्ट चार्ज 41% बढ़ने, सप्लीमेंटरी रेंटल व एयरक्राफ्ट रिपेयर-मेंटेनेंस फीस 29.6% बढ़ने और ईंधन खर्च 13% बढ़ने से कंपनी मुनाफा कमाने में विफल रही। बीती तिमाही प्रति यात्री आय भी घटकर 4.55 रुपए प्रति किलोमीटर रह गई। अप्रैल-जून में यह 5.24 रुपए थी।

जुलाई-सितंबर 2024 तिमाही का पूरा नतीजा एक नजर में

कैटेगरी	जुला-सित 23	जुला-सित 24	घटा/बढ़ा	घटा/बढ़ा %
आय	14,944	16,970	2,026	▲ 13.60
प्रॉफिट	189	-987	-	-
खर्च	15,314	18,666	3,352	▲ 21.90
एम्प्लॉयी खर्च	1,522	1,849	328	▲ 21.50
ईंधन खर्च	5,856	6,605	749	▲ 12.80
विमान, इंजन रेंट	196	764	568	▲ 4 गुना
मार्जिन	1.22	-5.56	-6.77	▼ 6.80
टैक्स	0.20	79.60	79.4	▲ 398 गुना

अंकड़े लाख करोड़ रुपए में, स्रोत: एक्सचेंज फाइलिंग



नतीजे के दिन इंटरग्लोब एविएशन का मार्केट कैप 1.68 लाख करोड़ रुपए रहा। देश की 52वीं मूल्यवान कंपनी।

जुलाई-सितंबर में इंडिगो ने 2.8 करोड़ यात्रियों को सर्विस दी

• इंडिगो की फ्लाइट से जुलाई-सितंबर में 2.78 करोड़ लोगों ने यात्रा की। एक साल में इनकी संख्या करीब 6 फीसदी बढ़ गई।

• जुलाई-सितंबर तिमाही में धरेलू मार्गों पर इंडिगो की बाजार हिस्सेदारी 62.5% हो गई। अप्रैल-जून में बाजार हिस्सेदारी 61% थी।

ईंधन खर्च 13%, विमान किराया 4 गुना बढ़ा



इंडिगो की फ्लीट में 410 विमान

30 सितंबर 2024	410
30 जून 2024	382
30 सितंबर 2023	334

• सितंबर तिमाही में इंडिगो का ईंधन खर्च 12.8% बढ़कर 6,605 करोड़ रुपए हो गया। यह पिछले साल समान तिमाही में 5,856 करोड़ था। विमान और इंजन का किराया करीब चार गुना बढ़कर 764 करोड़ हो गया। पिछले साल समान अवधि में यह 196 करोड़ रुपए था। कुल खर्च 22% बढ़ गया।

बड़ी परेशानी: कंपनी के 60 एयरक्राफ्ट ग्राउंडेड

इंडिगो के सीईओ पीटर एल्बर्स ने कहा, 'जुलाई-सितंबर में पाटर्स की सप्लाय चैन और इंजन के मेंटेनेंस में दिक्कतों से एयरलाइन के ग्राउंडेड विमान 60 के आसपास पहुंच गए थे। हालांकि अब हालात बेहतर हो रहे हैं। ग्राउंडेड एयरक्राफ्ट की संख्या और लागत में कमी शुरू हो गई है। इंडिगो अब ग्रोथ और विस्तार फोकस कर रही है।'

डीएलएफ का मुनाफा दोगुना ₹1,381 करोड़, आय भी 46 फीसदी बढ़ी

जुलाई-सितंबर तिमाही में देश की सबसे बड़ी रियल एस्टेट कंपनी डीएलएफ का मुनाफा दोगुना 1,381 करोड़ रुपए हो गया। बीती तिमाही में कंपनी की आय भी 46.5% बढ़कर 1,975 करोड़ हो गई।

बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा का प्रॉफिट 23 फीसदी बढ़कर ₹5,238 करोड़

बीती तिमाही बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा का मुनाफा 23% बढ़कर 5,238 करोड़ हो गया। आय भी 10.6% बढ़कर 35,445 करोड़ हो गई।

आईडीबीआई बैंक का प्रॉफिट 39 फीसदी बढ़ा, आय ₹8,754 करोड़

जुलाई-सितंबर तिमाही में आईडीबीआई बैंक का मुनाफा 39% बढ़कर 1,836 करोड़ रुपए हो गया। आय भी 6,924 करोड़ से बढ़कर 8,754 करोड़ हो गई।



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## जोधपुर-उदयपुर से जुड़ी 2 उड़ानों समेत 83 को बम की धमकी मिली

नई दिल्ली/देशभर में गुरुवार को 83 घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को बम की फर्जी धमकी मिली। एअर इंडिया, विस्तारा और इंडिगो की 20-20 उड़ानों धमकियां मिली, जबकि अकासा की 13 उड़ानों को निशाना बनाया गया। वहीं, एलायंस एयर और स्पाइसजेट की लगभग 5-5 उड़ानों को धमकी मिली है। इनमें उदयपुर और जोधपुर से भी जुड़ी दो फ्लाइटें हैं। 11 दिनों में

650 करोड़ का नुकसान हो चुका है। अधिकतर धमकियां सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म के जरिए ही जा रही हैं। इधर, केंद्र ने मेटा और एक्स जैसे सोशल मीडिया कंपनियों से फर्जी कॉल और मैसेज भेजने वालों का डेटा शेयर मांगा है। एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि मामले में कुछ ऐसे लोगों को पता भी लगाया है जो एयरलाइंस को निशाना बनाकर बम की धमकी देने वाली फर्जी कॉल के पीछे थे।



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## थम नहीं रहा सिलसिला, अब 27 विमानों को बम की धमकी

जागरण न्यूज नेटवर्क, नई दिल्ली : विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकियों का सिलसिला जारी है। शुक्रवार को 27 घरेलू व अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को धमकी मिली, जो फर्जी निकली। गुरुवार को देश में 83 विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली थी। पिछले 12 दिनों में भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों द्वारा संचालित 300 से अधिक उड़ानों को बम की धमकी मिली है। ज्यादातर धमकियां इंटरनेट मीडिया के जरिये दी गईं। इन धमकियों को देखते हुए देश के हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा उपाय बढ़ा दिए गए हैं।

इंडिगो के प्रवक्ता ने कहा, कोझिकोड से दम्पम (सऊदी अरब) जाने वाली 6ई 87 उड़ान, दिल्ली-मुंबई समेत सात उड़ानों को सुरक्षा से संबंधित सूचना मिली। विस्तारा व स्पाइसजेट की सात-सात उड़ानों को भी धमकी मिली है, जबकि एअर इंडिया की छह उड़ानों को धमकियां मिलीं। दिल्ली से दरभंगा जाने वाली स्पाइसजेट की फ्लाइट में बम होने की सूचना मिली। विमान के एयरपोर्ट पहुंचने पर सभी यात्रियों की तलाशी ली गई। जांच के दौरान बम होने की सूचना झूठी निकली। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के अधिकारी ने बताया, हम कोई कसर नहीं छोड़ रहे हैं। हवाई अड्डा परिसर की सुरक्षा व

- स्पाइसजेट, विस्तारा, इंडिगो के सात-सात और एअर इंडिया के छह विमानों को धमकी
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यात्रियों की निगरानी जारी है। प्रत्येक सूचना को गंभीरता से लिया जाता है, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप विमानों की गहन जांच की जाती है। कुछ मामलों में उड़ान भरने में देरी हुई है और एयरलाइन कर्मचारियों के बीच सतर्कता बढ़ा दी गई है। हवाई अड्डे के टर्मिनलों पर और उसके आसपास किसी भी संदिग्ध गतिविधि की निगरानी के लिए अतिरिक्त कर्मियों को तैनात किया गया है।

नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो ने हवाई अड्डे के अधिकारियों को सुरक्षा प्रोटोकाल को सुदृढ़ करने का निर्देश दिया है। एक अधिकारी ने कहा, यात्रियों व हवाई अड्डे के कर्मियों की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए हर पहलियात बरती जा रही है। बता दें, सरकार ने मेटा व एक्स से विमानन कंपनियों को बम की धमकी वाले संदेशों के बारे में डाटा साझा करने के लिए कहा है और इन गतिविधियों में शामिल लोगों की पहचान शुरू कर दी है।



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# SpiceJet Settles \$4.5m Dispute with SES for \$2m

Airline has already settled 3 other financial disputes in recent weeks

**Press Trust of India**

**Mumbai:** Domestic carrier SpiceJet on Friday announced it has settled a \$4.5 million dispute with Shannon Engine Support (SES) for an aggregate sum of \$2 million.

This settlement with SES follows three other financial agreements by the airline in recent weeks, SpiceJet said in a statement.

Both parties—SpiceJet and Shanon Engine Support—have reached this agreement through amicable negotiations, choosing to resolve the matter outside the courtroom, the airline said.

As part of the settlement, all ongoing litigations and disputes

between the parties will be withdrawn at the appropriate forums, it added.

On October 15, SpiceJet had announced amicably settling a \$23.39 million dispute with Air-castle (Ireland) Designated Activity Company and Wilmington Trust SP Services (Dublin) for an aggregate sum of \$5 million.



On October 9, the airline said it resolved a \$131.85 million dispute with lessors Horizon Aviation 1, Horizon II Aviation 3 and Horizon III Aviation 2 (under the management of Babcock & Brown Aircraft Management) for \$22.5 million. Prior to that, on September 24, the company had settled a dispute with Engine Lease Finance Corporation (ELFC), which initially claimed \$16.7 million, for a lower amount.

# Let Firecrackers be Ready, Air Travel may Not Hurt Much

Airlines drop fares and launch sales campaigns as Diwali demand fails to meet projections

Anumeha Chaturvedi and  
Arindam Majumder

**New Delhi:** Airlines are taking the unusual step of lowering fares and launching sales campaigns to lure travellers amid an unexpectedly sluggish demand during the festive season.

Travel industry insiders said they expect air fares to stay flat this quarter with some key routes even seeing a notable drop in fares.

"Demand hasn't picked up yet. We expect the wedding season to give a push which was a similar trend last year," said an airline executive.

Last year, airlines had a weak Diwali season though travel eventually revived aided by the Cricket World Cup



and the wedding season.

Data from the civil aviation ministry showed the average seat occupancy of airlines at less than 85% against airlines' expectation of a 90% passenger load factor during the ongoing peak season.

"This is probably one of the rare years where a sale has been announced bang amid the festive season, showing that airlines had read the demand completely wrong," a second airline executive said.

The October to December period is traditionally a peak quarter for travel with major festivals like Durga Puja, Diwali and Christmas

along with New Year spurring air travel demand.

Tata-owned Air India Express announced a sale till October 27 with tickets being offered for as low as ₹1,606 for travel from November 1 to December 10.

Rajnish Kumar, group CEO at online travel platform ixigo said average airfares on major routes between metros and popular leisure destinations have dropped by 25-30% this season compared to last year.

"This decline is mainly due to a combination of factors such as an overall increase in airline capacity, a 15% decrease in oil prices this year as well as festive sales by airlines," he said.

Gaurav Negi, chief financial officer at IndiGo said passenger revenue per available seat kilometre (PRASK), a key metric to measure airline profitability, will see a little moderation.

"Last year turned out to be a very strong reference point characterised by very high growth due to strong capacity addition. This is being normalised this year. So, while the festive season is giving a boost to demand, there could only be a high single-digit growth during the period year," Negi said.

Indiver Rastogi, president and group head of global business travel at Thomas Cook (India) and SOTC Travel said airfares during the

Diwali period have declined 12-15% on domestic routes and 8-10% on international routes from key hubs such as Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata compared to last year.

Gaurav Patwari, VP for air category at online travel aggregator Cleartrip said fares are likely to remain flat this quarter.

As per data shared by ixigo with ET, average one-way fares from November 15 to December 15 on the Bengaluru to Goa route are about 30% lower than last year.

Fares on other routes such as Mumbai to Jaipur and New Delhi to Udaipur have declined by 24% and 40% respectively.

TWO LEADERS REPORT A WEAK QUARTER

# IndiGo in the Red, Warns of More Air Pockets in Q3

Maintenance, leasing and airport charges lead to a spike in costs, which outran revenue growth; capacity addition to be modest: CFO

## Our Bureau

**New Delhi:** IndiGo, India's largest airline, reported a net loss in the fiscal second quarter after seven profitable quarters as higher maintenance and aircraft rental expenses along with an increase in airport charges inflated operating costs. The airline posted a net loss of ₹987 crore in the

three months to September with a net profit of ₹189 crore a year earlier.

The budget airline also announced an investment in its venture fund launched last week to invest in startups in the travel, hospitality and lifestyle sectors. It didn't disclose the size of the investment.

IndiGo's unit cost, excluding fuel and foreign currency fluctuations, swelled by about 22%, to ₹2.90 against ₹2.36 a year ago. It outpaced revenue growth which increased by 13.6% to ₹16,969 crore from ₹14,943 crore a year ago.

The management attributed it to costly lease rentals as it was forced to take aircraft on a wet lease to mitigate a capacity shortfall caused by the grounding of its Airbus A320 Neo planes due to problems with Pratt & Whitney engines. Aircraft inducted on wet leases are provided

## Off Course

22%

IndiGo's cost excluding fuel & forex

13.6%

Revenue growth in Q2



Revenue growth likely to be lower than expected in Q3



Focus on adding capacity on overseas routes

40

Target for international routes by 2024-end

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by the lessor with the crew and are costlier than regular dry leases. IndiGo took six planes on wet lease from Qatar Airways last quarter.

"The increase in cost is largely driven by grounding and mitigation-related cost and annual contractual inflation, increase in airport charges and due to the increased aircraft on ground situation," Gaurav Negi,

CFO of IndiGo said on a post-results analyst call. Negi said the carrier has passed the peak levels of grounding which were more than 70 aircraft at one point, with the current number being in the high 60s.

IndiGo also cautioned about lower-than-expected growth in revenue in the current quarter, which is considered as the strongest period for Indian airlines due to factors such as festivals, favourable weather and end-of-year travel.

Negi said passenger revenue per available seat kilometre, a key metric to measure airline profitability, will see a little moderation this quarter. "Last year turned out to be a very strong reference point characterised by very high growth due to strong capacity addition. This is being normalised this year. So, while the festive season is giving a boost in demand there could only be a high single-digit growth," Negi said.

The airline said its capacity addition will be in the high single digits in the ongoing quarter, and it will continue to start new flights, primarily to international destinations.

IndiGo will launch flights to Penang and Langkawi in Malaysia in the coming months. Three more international destinations will be added by year-end. "These additions will take our international destinations to 40 by the end of this year and as a result our capacity share is expected to reach the targeted level of 30% of total international seat share on international routes," said CEO Pieter Elbers.

# IndiGo dives into loss after 2 years

SWARAJ BAGGONKAR  
Mumbai, October 25

INDIGO PARENT INTERGLOBE Aviation on Friday reported a surprise loss of ₹987 crore at the consolidated level for the September quarter, weighed down by fuel expenses and growing aircraft rentals. This was the company's first quarterly loss in two years.

The country's biggest airline, controlling 63% of the domestic passenger traffic, had reported a net profit of ₹189 crore for the

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InterGlobe Aviation consolidated financials  
(₹ cr) ■ Q2FY24 ■ Q2FY25 ▲ % chg y-o-y



PIETER ELBERS, CEO, INDIGO

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same quarter last year.

A Bloomberg estimate had pegged the Q2FY25 net profit at ₹134 crore.

Fuel expenses, which made up over one-third of IndiGo's

total expenses, rose 13% year-on-year (y-o-y). Supplementary rentals and aircraft repair and maintenance costs, which contributed 15%, increased 30%.

Consolidated revenue from operations grew by 14% y-o-y to ₹16,970 crore, but was lower than the ₹17,254 crore estimated by Bloomberg.

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# IndiGo records losses

Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation and rentals (Ebitdar) growth was marginal down by 1%, while Ebitdar margin was down 210 basis points at 14.3%.

In a post-results call, IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers said, "Driven by the peak groundings of mid-70s and rising fuel costs, we reported a net loss. Our performance was impacted by seasonal trends and shifts."

At the end of the September quarter, the company had a fleet strength of 410, up 7% compared to June end and up 23% compared to September 2023 end. While the company did not specify the number of grounded aircraft, it said it was in mid-70s.

"If not for the groundings, our financial performance would have been in line with the seasonality. In the last eight quarters, we have seen a consistent increase in the number of groundings. We have now turned the corner with the situation.

@The number of grounded aircraft has started to reduce," Elbers said.



Chief financial officer Gaurav Negi said, "We have already passed the peak as far as the aircraft on the ground is concerned. Our current grounded aircraft has currently reduced to high-60s from the mid-70s level in Q1 and Q2.

Based on the discussions with the OEMs, we are anticipating that the groundings will continue to moderate to a sub-60 level by the end of CY25, and in the 40s by the start of the next financial year."

IndiGo is expecting a rebound in passenger traffic in the seasonally

strong third quarter. It is aiming to add three international destinations before the end of this fiscal, taking the total number of international destinations to 40.

While the company had improved its cash holdings by 28% y-o-y to ₹39,341 crore in the September quarter, total debt also increased by 20% to ₹59,237 crore, including the capitalised operating lease liability of ₹47,779 crore.

InterGlobe Aviation's board approved an investment of up to ₹295 crore for IndiGo Ventures Fund - I. The scheme will primarily invest in equity of startups at the pre-series A, Series A, and Series B stages. The focus will be on aviation and allied sectors.

The investment amount will be drawn by the scheme, over the next 3-4 years, through multiple tranches. InterGlobe Aviation Ventures LLP, in capacity of sponsor to the scheme, will invest ₹5 crore.

The target corpus of the fund is up to ₹300 crore with a greenshoe option of up to ₹300 crore exercisable at the discretion of the investment manager.





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## More than 25 flights receive bomb threats

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
New Delhi/ Mumbai,  
October 25

**MORE THAN 25** domestic and international flights operated by Indian carriers received bomb threats on Friday, according to sources. In 12 days, more than 275 flights operated by the Indian carriers have received hoax bomb threats. Most of the threats were issued through social media.

On Thursday, over 70 flights

received bomb threats. An IndiGo spokesperson said seven of its flights, including 6E 87 from Kozhikode to Dammam, got security-related alerts. The sources in the know said around seven flights each of IndiGo, Vistara and SpiceJet got the threats while six flights of Air India received the threats.

IndiGo's six other flights -- 6E 2099 (Udaipur to Delhi), 6E 11 (Delhi to Istanbul), 6E 58 (Jeddah to Mumbai), 6E 17 (Mumbai to Istanbul), 6E 108



(Hyderabad to Chandigarh) and 6E 133 (Pune to Jodhpur) -- received the threats.

"Flight 6E 2099, operating

from Udaipur to Delhi, received a bomb threat. Following security agency guidelines, the aircraft was redirected to the isolation bay before take-off and standard operating procedures were followed. All passengers were safely disembarked," the airline spokesperson said.

Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu on Friday assured the government is committed to taking strict action against those behind hoax bomb threats.

"We are deeply concerned in the wake of recent hoax bomb threats disrupting air travel. I assure you that safety and security are our highest priorities, and we are committed to taking strict action against those behind these malicious acts. Let's work together to ensure safe skies for all," he posted on X.

The Centre has asked Meta and X to share data about hoax bomb threat messages to airlines and has started identifying those behind such activities.





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## Bomb threat leads Bilaspur-Delhi flight to evacuate

**Staff Reporter**

**RAIPUR/BILASPUR**

A flight from Bilaspur to Delhi was evacuated at Bilaspur Airport on Thursday following a bomb threat. Passengers were safely deboarded as security officials conducted a thorough inspection and sanitization of the aircraft. The flight was cleared for departure only after the threat was confirmed to be a hoax call.

The incident caused a chaotic scene at the airport, leading to significant passenger panic. Flight number 9D63, arriving from Kolkata, landed in Bilaspur at 3:30 PM and was scheduled to depart for Delhi. On Thursday alone, 85 flights received similar threats, including the one in Bilaspur. Once the plane landed, it was parked in an isolation bay, and all passengers were escorted to the terminal.

Reports indicate that 20

flights from Air India, 20 from Indigo, 20 from Vistara, and 25 from Akasa were affected by the threats.

Notably, a similar alert was also received at Bilasa Devi Kevatin Airport regarding a flight to Kolkata, prompting immediate action from airport officials.

Upon receiving the threat, Collector Avnish Sharan and SP Rajnesh Singh arrived at the airport with security forces, along

with a bomb squad and fire brigade team. Passengers were understandably alarmed when asked to evacuate for security checks. After a thorough investigation, the flight received an "all clear" report and was permitted to continue.

Due to the time-consuming security procedures, the flight that originated from Bilaspur flew directly to Delhi without making a scheduled stop in Prayagraj.





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## 25 से अधिक विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी

नई दिल्ली/मुंबई, एजेसी। विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी का सिलसिला जारी है। शुक्रवार को भारतीय एयरलाइन्स द्वारा संचालित 25 से अधिक घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को एक बार फिर बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली।

इंडिगो के प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि कोझिकोड से दम्मम जाने वाली फ्लाइट सहित उसकी 7 उड़ानों को सुरक्षा संबंधी अलर्ट मिले हैं। सूत्रों ने बताया कि इंडिगो, विस्तारा और स्पाइसजेट की करीब 7-7 उड़ानों को धमकी मिली, जबकि एयर इंडिया की 6 उड़ानों को धमकी मिली है। बता दें कि गुरुवार को 95 विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली थी।

**इन उड़ानों को धमकी :** इंडिगो की अन्य उड़ानों में उदयपुर से दिल्ली, दिल्ली से इस्तांबुल, जेद्दा से मुंबई,

### स्पाइसजेट के विमान में संदिग्ध वस्तु नहीं मिली

दरभंगा। नई दिल्ली से दरभंगा आने वाली स्पाइसजेट की फ्लाइट को शुक्रवार को फिर बम से उड़ाने की धमकी दी गई। एक्स पर धमकी की जानकारी मिलने के बाद एयरपोर्ट पर तैनात सुरक्षा कर्मियों सदर थाने की पुलिस के सहयोग से विमान समेत एयरपोर्ट परिसर के चारों-चौके की तलाशी ली। हालांकि जांच में कोई संदिग्ध वस्तु नहीं मिली।

मुंबई से इस्तांबुल, हैदराबाद से चंडीगढ़ और पुणे से जोधपुर जानेवाले विमान को धमकी मिली है।

**275 विमानों को धमकी :** पिछले 12 दिनों में, भारतीय एयरलाइन्स द्वारा संचालित 275 से अधिक उड़ानों को बम की धमकी मिल चुकी है।



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## स्पाइसजेट ने एसईएस के साथ विवाद सुलझाया

मुंबई। धरेलू एयरलाइन स्पाइसजेट ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि उसने शिनन इंजन सपोर्ट लिमिटेड के साथ 45 लाख डॉलर के विवाद को कुल 20 लाख डॉलर में सुलझा लिया है। स्पाइसजेट ने एक बयान में कहा कि एसईएस के साथ यह समझौता हाल के हफ्तों में एयरलाइन के तीन अन्य वित्तीय समझौतों के बाद हुआ है।



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## IndiGo swings to ₹986 cr. loss in Q2 on grounded fleet, cost

**Jagriti Chandra**  
NEW DELHI

IndiGo on Friday reported a net loss of ₹986 crore for the quarter ended September, breaking a seven-quarter streak of profits.

The airline reported a profit of ₹188 crore in the year-earlier period and a profit of ₹2,728 crore in the first quarter of FY25.

In a statement, CEO Pieter Elbers said the results were impacted by headwinds related to aircraft grounding and fuel costs in a quarter that traditionally saw weak demand.



**Ground reality:** IndiGo has 79 A320 aircraft grounded. THE HINDU

The airline has 79 aircraft of the A320 family grounded because of issues involving Pratt and Whitney engines.

However, IndiGo expects the figure of aircraft

on ground (AoG) to taper down to 60s in the months to come, and reach 40s by the beginning of the next financial year, said its CFO Gaurav Negi. The airline has a fleet of 410 aircraft.



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# Logistics firm files insolvency plea against SpiceJet

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**NEW DELHI:** The Indian arm of South Korea-based Eusu Logistics has filed an insolvency petition in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) against budget airline SpiceJet.

Eusu Logistics India Pvt. Ltd filed a plea for unpaid freight services of ₹1.94 crore. The tribunal did not issue a notice due to the lawyer representing Eusu Logistics's absence and adjourned the hearing to 26

November.

On Thursday, aircraft lessor Falgu Aviation Leasing Ltd filed a plea against SpiceJet for allegedly defaulting on \$8.1 million (₹68 crore). The NCLT has issued a notice to SpiceJet in this case.

The list of insolvency actions against SpiceJet for unpaid dues to various vendors and aircraft lessors has been growing by the day.

To date, none of these cases have resulted in insolvency proceedings against the airline.

Creditors that have previ-

**EUSU LOGISTICS  
INDIA PVT. LTD  
FILED A PLEA FOR  
UNPAID FREIGHT  
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ously filed cases against the airline are Wilmington Trust SP Services (Dublin), Willis Lease Finance, Celestial Aviation, Aircastle, and Alterna Aircraft, along with AWAS 36698 Ireland, AWAS 36694 Ireland, AWAS 36695, Shannon Engine

Support Limited, Aviator ML 29641 Ltd., Engine Lease Finance B.V., Raymach Technologies Pvt. Ltd., and software solutions provider Techjockey Infotech Pvt. Ltd.

During Friday's proceedings, SpiceJet informed the NCLT that it had settled a \$4.5 million dispute with Shannon Engine Support Ltd for \$2 million.

This recent settlement follows three other major financial agreements by SpiceJet in recent weeks:

On 15 October, the airline settled a \$23.39 million dispute

with Aircastle (Ireland) Designated Activity Company and Wilmington Trust SP Services (Dublin) Ltd for \$5 million.

On 9 October, SpiceJet also resolved a \$131.85 million dispute with lessors Horizon Aviation 1 Ltd., Horizon II Aviation 3 Ltd., and Horizon III Aviation 2 Ltd., managed by Babcock & Brown Aircraft Management, for \$22.5 million.

On 24 September, SpiceJet settled a claim with Engine Lease Finance Corp. for a reduced amount, down from an initial \$16.7 million.

## Over 25 flights receive bomb threats as chaos enters Day 12

### HT Correspondent

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**NEW DELHI/MUMBAI:** Over 25 domestic and international flights operated by Indian carriers received bomb threats on Friday, taking the total number of flights affected in the last 12 days to at least 275.

Friday's threats targeted around seven flights each from IndiGo, Vistara and SpiceJet while six flights of Air India received such alerts, according to reports.

IndiGo confirmed receiving the security alerts for one of its flights. "Flight 6E 2099, operating from Udaipur to Delhi, received a bomb threat. Following security agency guidelines, the aircraft was redirected to the isolation bay before take-off and standard operating procedures were followed. All passengers were safely disembarked," the airline spokesperson said in a statement.

IndiGo's six other flights – 6E 87 (Kozhikode to Dammam), 6E 11 (Delhi to Istanbul), 6E 58 (Jeddah to Mumbai), 6E 17 (Mumbai to Istanbul), 6E 108 (Hyderabad to Chandigarh) and 6E 133 (Pune to Jodhpur) – received the threats.

The threats triggered emergency responses at airports and multiple flight diversions.

A Delhi to Shillong SpiceJet flight (SEJ2448) was forced to make an emergency landing at



**Friday's threats targeted around seven flights from IndiGo.**

REUTERS

Guwahati's Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (LGBI). The flight, carrying 75 passengers, was approaching Shillong when the security alert was received via X, triggering an immediate response from the flight crew and the Airports Authority of India (AAI). The flight was diverted to Guwahati, the nearest airport equipped to handle emergency situations.

Shillong airport director Rajeev Ranjan said: "Fortunately, it turned out to be a hoax, but the designated agencies have already begun investigating according to protocol."

The development came days after the government on Wednesday asked social media platforms Meta and X to share data about the hoax threats.

At the meeting, attended by officials from the IT ministry and representatives from airlines and social media platforms, joint secretary Sanket S Bhondve ques-

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

Earlier on Thursday, an X spokesperson told HT: "We prohibit violent threats on X and take any such reports seriously. That includes and is not limited to threats to harm civilian infrastructure essential to daily, civic or business activities. Our teams, systems and reporting channels are at work around the clock to keep X safer for all our users in India".

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

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



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# No end to flight chaos, 80 more bomb threats

### HTC and Agencies

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

The latest wave of threats targeted approximately 20 flights each from Air India, Vistara,

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

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

According to PTI, the government has asked social media platforms Meta and X to share

data about the hoax threats, which have now affected more than 250 flights in 11 days.

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

"After thorough inspections, all the aircraft concerned were

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### FLIGHT THREATS

released for operations," an Akasa Air spokesperson said, adding that airport services teams coordinated with local authorities to ensure "efficient handling of the situation including safe deplaning of passengers, assistance and refreshments as required."

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

In Kolkata, airport director

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

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

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

channels are at work around the clock to keep X safer for all our users in India".

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

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

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

Airlines have requested the government to establish mechanisms for social media platforms to prevent such threats from being uploaded publicly, HT reported on Thursday. "The airlines want social media companies to proactively detect them before they are uploaded and report them to the relevant authorities," a person aware of the matter had said.

The spate of threats has forced numerous flight diversions and delays, with some incidents escalating to international involvement. Earlier this month, both the Royal Air Force and Singapore Armed Forces had to scramble fighter jets to escort threatened Indian aircraft.

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

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

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



fleet," the official added.

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

Similarly, Vistara's seven wide-body aircraft will

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

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

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

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



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**INDIGO HAD OVER 70 AIRCRAFT GROUNDED, MAINLY DUE TO TROUBLES WITH P&W ENGINES**

# IndiGo's aircraft groundings reducing, likely to drop to mid-40s by early FY26

**SUKALP SHARMA**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 25

INDIA'S LARGEST airline IndiGo has started to see a reduction in the number of aircraft grounded due to engine issues, and the carrier expects to see a progressive decline in these numbers over the coming months, its top executives said Friday. This is the first instance since late last year of the airline reporting a reduction in grounded aircraft. Going forward, as the situation improves, the impact of the groundings and associated costs on the airline's financial performance is expected to moderate.

"We have turned the corner as the number of grounded aircraft and associated costs have started reducing," the carrier's chief executive officer Pieter Elbers said in an investor call that followed the company's earnings for the September quarter.

Until recently, IndiGo had over 70 aircraft grounded, mainly due to troubles with Pratt & Whitney (P&W) engines. The number had hit a peak level of "mid-seventies" in the July-September quarter. It has now reduced to "high-sixties" and is expected to fall further to less than 60 by the end of this year, and then to "mid-forties" by the beginning of the next financial year, the airline's chief financial officer Gaurav Negi said. As of



The airline's total cost for the quarter rose nearly 22 per cent year-on-year to Rs 18,666 crore. *File*

September 30, IndiGo had a fleet of 410 aircraft, the largest in India.

As more of IndiGo's grounded aircraft return to service, the airline is expected to be able to gradually wean off the mitigating measures it had to take, which included taking more planes on damp and secondary leases, extending existing aircraft leases, and retaining older planes that were set to exit the fleet, all of which are additional costs and have been impacting the company's financial performance.

"What we are expecting now is that this number (of grounded aircraft) will start to trend further down and be in the mid-forties by the start of the next financial year, and over a period, it will keep

trending downwards. So, the trajectory that we were experiencing where the AOGs (aircraft on ground) were increasing has now taken a turn," Negi said in an investor call.

To be sure, P&W does compensate IndiGo for the groundings, but the compensation does not fully offset the cost impact of the mitigation measures, according to the airline's management. IndiGo does not detail the compensation it receives from the engine maker, which is included in the airline's total revenue.

"The impact of the profitability related to the costlier mitigation measure will also start to moderate downwards as we start returning the short-term damp leases

### EXPLAINED **E** Airline's mitigating measures

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sometime in the first half of the next year. During the quarter (July-September), we inducted 31 aircraft, of which nine were inducted as part of the mitigation measures," Negi said.

In November last year, IndiGo had announced that it was expecting aircraft groundings due to engine inspections in view of the powder metal issue with P&W engines.

These groundings were to be in addition to the 40-odd IndiGo planes that were already grounded due to earlier issues with the engines. In July 2023, P&W had said that a powder

metal defect could lead to cracking of some engine components in its geared turbofan engines for the A320neo aircraft, and called for accelerated inspections of the engines and shop visits globally.

These "costlier mitigation measures" shared the blame for the airline reporting a net loss of nearly Rs 1,000 crore in the September quarter against a profit of around Rs 190 crore in the year-ago period. The loss came as a bit of a surprise and followed seven straight quarters of profits.

"IndiGo's growth and expansion continued as our topline grew by 14.6 percent on a year over year basis, in the second quarter to 178 billion rupees (Rs 17,800 crore). In a traditionally weaker second quarter, results were further impacted by headwinds related to groundings and fuel costs," Elbers said.

The airline's total cost for the quarter rose nearly 22 per cent year-on-year to Rs 18,666 crore, with fuel cost rising almost 13 per cent to Rs 6,605 crore. Fuel is the biggest cost for Indian airlines and accounts for over 30 per cent of their operational expenditure. Apart from higher fuel costs and expenses related to mitigation measures pertaining to grounded aircraft, Negi said that the "inflationary environment" also played a role in bumping up the airline's costs.



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## Eusu files insolvency plea against SpiceJet

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**T**he Indian arm of South Korea's Eusu Logistics has filed an insolvency petition in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) against SpiceJet Ltd.

Eusu Logistics India Pvt. Ltd filed a plea for unpaid freight services of ₹194 crore. The tribunal did not issue any notice due to the absence of the lawyer representing Eusu Logistics and adjourned the hearing to 26 November.

On Thursday, aircraft lessor Falgu Aviation Leasing Ltd filed a plea against SpiceJet for allegedly defaulting on \$8.1 million (₹68 crore). The NCLT has issued a notice to SpiceJet in this case.

The number of insolvency actions against SpiceJet for unpaid dues to various vendors and aircraft lessors has been growing by the day. To date, none of these cases have resulted in insolvency proceedings against the airline.

Creditors which have previously filed cases against the budget airline include Dublin-based Wilmington Trust SP Services, Willis Lease Finance, Celestial Aviation, Aircastle, and Alterna Aircraft, besides with AWAS 36698 Ireland, AWAS 36694 Ireland, AWAS 36695, Shannon Engine Support Ltd, Aviator ML 29641 Ltd, Engine Lease Finance BV., Raymach Technologies Pvt. Ltd, and software solutions provider Techjockey Infotech Pvt. Ltd.

During Friday's proceedings in the NCLT, SpiceJet informed the tribunal that it had settled a \$1.5 million dispute with Shannon Engine Support Ltd for \$2 million.



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## IndiGo flies past aircraft grounding, but into the red

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India's largest airline, IndiGo, appears to be recovering from its woes with faulty Pratt and Whitney engines, which had forced it to ground around 75 aircraft, or about a fifth of its total fleet.

The carrier expects the number of non-operational planes to drop below 60 by the end of this year and into 40s by April, its management said in a post-earnings call on Friday.

"We have already passed the peak levels of grounding," said chief financial officer Gaurav Negi. "Our current number of grounded aircraft has reduced to high-60s from the mid-70 levels seen in the first quarter and the second quarter."

However, the faulty engines have taken a toll on the company's finances. Coupled with rising fuel costs, the aircraft groundings pulled InterGlobe Aviation Ltd into the red during the July-September quarter. InterGlobe Aviation, the listed entity that operates IndiGo, reported a consolidated loss of ₹87 crore for the September quarter, compared with a profit of ₹89 crore during the same period last year.

On the brighter side, its revenue saw healthy growth



IndiGo's consolidated top line grew 14% y-o-y to ₹16,970 crore.

driven by strong demand from a growing pool of upwardly mobile passengers. The airline earned about 10% more revenue from passenger tickets and 21% more from ancillary services, which include a fast-growing cargo business, in the financial second quarter.

IndiGo's consolidated top line grew 14% year-on-year (y-o-y) to ₹16,970 crore. This included ₹14,359 crore of ticketing revenue and ₹1,875 crore of earnings from ancillary services. The topline also included compensation from Pratt & Whitney for the trouble caused by the non-performance of its engines.

IndiGo's available seat km (ASK) grew 8% y-o-y during

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the quarter to 38.2 billion, in line with the management guidance. ASK is a measure of available passenger carrying capacity that is endemic to the aviation industry.

IndiGo is the first carrier in India's aviation history to have a fleet of more than 400 aircraft. It currently has 410 planes in its fleet, compared to 334 a year ago. IndiGo's cost per available seat km (CASK)—a handy metric to measure a carrier's operational efficiency—grew 12% on-year to ₹4.69. This was propelled by increased fuel costs, higher airport charges, and the expenses borne by IndiGo for temporarily leasing more planes to mitigate the impact of the aircraft groundings.

The higher costs ate into margins, with earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (Ebitda) falling by a quarter to ₹1,632 crore. Ebitda margin at 9.62% was over five percentage points lower y-o-y.

IndiGo said it will start returning old aircraft, which it leased temporarily, starting January as its own grounded planes start taking to the skies again. This will help the airline cut its costs as it will not only not have to pay the lessors but also as the older aircraft



IndiGo presently has 410 planes in its fleet. ASUTRAX

consume more fuel and are in general more expensive to maintain. This is also expected to help the average Indian passenger, as the cost savings are expected to trickle down to ticket prices.

However, analysts say the biggest benefit for passengers

will come when the grounded aircraft of Go First and SpiceJet also return to the skies. Between the two carriers, over 100 aircraft are grounded.

"While return of aircraft by

IndiGo is a move in the right direction, the real change would only come if we are able to bring back grounded aircraft of SpiceJet as well as those GoFirst aircraft, which were grounded due to engine issues," said Mark Martin, founder and chief executive at Martin Consultancy, an aviation consultancy firm.

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MILLENNIUM POST

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**MORE THAN 275 IN 12 DAYS**

## Over 25 flights receive bomb threats on Friday

**NEW DELHI/ MUMBAI:** More than 25 domestic and international flights operated by Indian carriers received bomb threats on Friday, according to sources.

In 12 days, more than 275 flights operated by the Indian carriers have received hoax bomb threats. Most of the threats were issued through social media.

On Thursday, over 70 flights received bomb threats.

An IndiGo spokesperson said 7 of its flights, includ-

ing 6E 87 from Kozhikode to Dammam, got security-related alerts.

The sources in the know said around 7 flights each of IndiGo, Vistara and SpiceJet got the threats while 6 flights of Air India received the threats.

IndiGo's six other flights — 6E 2099 (Udaipur to Delhi), 6E 11 (Delhi to Istanbul), 6E 58 (Jeddah to Mumbai), 6E 17 (Mumbai to Istanbul), 6E 108 (Hyderabad to Chandigarh) and 6E 133

(Pune to Jodhpur) — received the threats.

"Flight 6E 2099, operating from Udaipur to Delhi, received a bomb threat. Following security agency guidelines, the aircraft was redirected to the isolation bay before take-off and standard operating procedures were followed. All passengers were safely disembarked," the airline spokesperson said in a statement.

Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu on Fri-

day assured the government is committed to taking strict action against those behind hoax bomb threats.

"We are deeply concerned in the wake of recent hoax bomb threats disrupting air travel. I assure you that safety and security are our highest priorities, and we are committed to taking strict action against those behind these malicious acts.

"Let's work together to ensure safe skies for all," he said in a post on X. **Continued on P4**

## Over 25 flights...

The government has asked social media platforms Meta and X to share data about hoax bomb threat messages to airlines and has started identifying those behind such activities. Earlier this week, Naidu said the government plans to take legislative actions to deal with instances of bomb threats to airlines, including placing perpetrators of such threats on the no-fly list. **AGENCIES**





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

*More than 80 flights receive bomb threats on Thursday*

### MPOST BUREAU

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

Sources familiar with the situation revealed that the government is collaborating with leading multinational technology companies to trace the originators of these hoax calls, underlining that this effort serves the public good. The urgency of this situation is underscored by the alarming statistic that more than



250 flights operated by Indian carriers have faced bomb threats in just 11 days, the majority of which have been communicated through social media platforms.

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

On Thursday, the bomb threats affected a mix of domestic and international flights, with significant impacts reported across various Indian airlines. **Continued on P6**

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



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**T**he Notably, around 20 flights each from Air India, Vistara, and IndiGo were implicated, alongside 13 flights from Akasa Air. Additionally, five flights each from Alliance Air and SpiceJet also received similar threats.

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

Vistara also confirmed that several of its flights encountered security threats via social media. Notably, Kochi airport experienced at least six bomb threats on Thursday, which included a SpiceJet flight arriving from Dubai.

In a related incident on Wednesday, an unidentified caller threatened to detonate a bomb at Dumna airport in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, which was later determined to be a hoax, according to local police officials.

Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu recently announced plans for legislative measures to address bomb threats against airlines, including the potential implementation of a no-fly list for perpetrators.



# Corporate Communications Directorate

THE MORNING STANDARD

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## 28 flights get fresh bomb threat, security scaled up

At least 275 flights have received such threats in the past 12 days

**SHEKHAR SINGH** @ New Delhi

HEIGHTENED security measures were enforced at multiple airports after a fresh bomb threat targeted at least 28 flights on Friday, affecting carriers like SpiceJet, IndiGo, Air India, and Vistara.

According to sources, eight IndiGo flights, six Air India alongside seven each from SpiceJet, and Vistara, were impacted, sparking swift action from airport authorities.

"The IndiGo flights from Delhi - Istanbul, Jeddah-Mumbai, Mumbai - Istanbul, Hyderabad-Chandigarh, Pune- Jodhpur, Kozhikode to Dammam and Udaipur to Delhi received security threats," said a IndiGo spokesperson.

This incident comes on the heels of a similar threat on Thursday that affected over 80 flights across major Indian airlines, including Alliance Air



and Akasa Air.

In response to the repeated threats, the government has requested Meta, X and other social media companies to share data related to suspicious hoax calls and messages on their platforms.

An official source disclosed that these requests emphasise the importance of public safety and aim to trace the origin of these threats.

The government also urged global tech companies to collaborate closely to identify indi-

viduals responsible for these alarming calls, underscoring that such cooperation is vital for public security.

Meanwhile, security agencies remain on high alert as they work alongside airport operators to ensure passengers' safety and maintain confidence amid the ongoing threats.

In 12 days, more than 275 flights operated by the Indian carriers have received bomb threats. Most of the threats were issued through social media.

Earlier this week, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammoan Naidu said the government plans to take legislative actions to deal with instances of bomb threats to airlines, including placing perpetrators of such threats in the no-fly list. Noone has been arrested so far in this matter except one Chhattisgarh teen, who was detained by Mumbai Police on October 16.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

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## IndiGo reports net loss of ₹986 crore in Q2FY25

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi**

INTERGLOBE Aviation, which runs IndiGo airline, on Friday reported a net loss of ₹986 crore for the quarter ending September following seven consecutive profitable quarters. The airline reported a net profit of ₹188 crore in the same period last year and ₹2,728 crore in the first quarter of FY25.

The airline's CEO Pieter Elbers attributed the loss to challenges from aircraft groundings and high fuel costs, coupled

with typically low demand during this quarter. "In a traditionally weaker second quarter, results were further impacted by headwinds related to groundings and fuel costs. We have turned the corner as the number of grounded aircraft and associated costs have started reducing," said Elbers.

In the same quarter, IndiGo's revenue from operations increased by 14% year-on-year, reaching ₹16,970 crore. In the

July-September quarter, IndiGo's passenger ticket revenues increased by 10% to ₹14,359 crore. Additionally, ancillary revenues grew by 21% YoY, reaching ₹1,875 crore.

IndiGo also announced plans to launch its business class in two weeks, aiming to provide customers with a new and enhanced experience. It expects its third-quarter capacity measured in available seat kilometers (ASKs), to grow by early double

digits compared to the same quarter in fiscal year 2024. IndiGo has a total of 410 aircraft, including various models like 41 A320 CEOs, 201 A320 NEOs, 112 A321 NEOs, 45 ATRs, 3 A321 freighters, 6 B737s, and 2 B777s. This represents an increase of 28 passenger aircraft in the past quarter.

Meanwhile, at the end of the September quarter, IndiGo's capitalised operating lease liability was ₹47,779 crore. Including this, the airline's total debt amounted to ₹59,237 crore.



## IndiGo को दूसरी तिमाही में ₹987 करोड़ का नुकसान

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इंडिगो के मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी (सीईओ) पीटर एल्बर्स ने कहा कि एयरलाइन की वृद्धि और विस्तार जारी रहा और सितंबर तिमाही में इसकी आमदनी 14.6 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 17,800 करोड़ रुपये हो गई।



### SpiceJet ने SES के साथ विवाद सुलझाया

धरेलू एयरलाइन SpiceJet ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि उसने शेनन इंजन सपोर्ट लिमिटेड (SES) के साथ 45 लाख डॉलर के विवाद को कुल 20 लाख डॉलर में सुलझा लिया है। SpiceJet ने एक बयान में कहा कि SES के साथ यह समझौता हाल के हफ्तों में एयरलाइन के तीन अन्य वित्तीय समझौतों के बाद हुआ है। एयरलाइन ने कहा कि दोनों पक्ष-सौहार्दपूर्ण बातचीत के जरिए इस समझौते पर पहुंचे हैं।



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## Over 25 hoax threats on Friday

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The deluge of hoax bomb threats slowed down a bit on Friday with around 25 domestic and international flights operated by Indian carriers receiving bomb threats. Seven flights each from IndiGo, Vistara, and SpiceJet received threats, while six Air India flights were targeted. The barrage of threat messages have left civil aviation stakeholders alarmed and disrupted operations at most major airports over the past two weeks.

Thousands of passengers have also been forced to contend with extensive delays as the warnings forced officials to undertake thorough inspections. Some planes were also forced to make emergency landings after receiving bomb threats in mid-air.

The number of hoaxes has increased the airlines' burden as a number of flights have had to be diverted, delayed, or subjected to searches after posts on social media said they had bombs on board. Some threats have also led to much more serious situations.

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## Over 25 hoax threats on Friday

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For example, last Thursday, an Air India flight from Mumbai to London was intercepted by Royal Air Force fighter jets after receiving a bomb threat.

Two days before that, Singapore Armed Forces scrambled two fighter jets to escort an Air India Express plane, which took off from Madurai, away from populated areas following a bomb threat. On Tuesday, the Nepalese Army rushed its bomb squad to the Kathmandu airport after a Vistara flight from Delhi got a bomb threat.

Unknown miscreants threatened to blow up Indigo flight 6E133 from Pune to

Jodhpur on Wednesday - for the second time this week. The plane landed at the isolation bay of Jodhpur airport before being searched by police and CISF officials. A bomb disposal squad and a dog squad were also called to the scene.

Officials said passengers' luggage as well as every nook and corner of the flight was thoroughly searched before the plane was allowed to take off for its further destination.

An IndiGo spokesperson said that among the flights targeted were: 6E 87 (Kozhikode to Dammam), 6E 2099 (Udaipur to Delhi), 6E 11 (Delhi to

Istanbul), 6E 58 (Jeddah to Mumbai), 6E 17 (Mumbai to Istanbul), 6E 108 (Hyderabad to Chandigarh) and 6E 133 (Pune to Jodhpur).

"Flight 6E 2099, operating from Udaipur to Delhi, received a bomb threat. Following security agency guidelines, the aircraft was redirected to the isolation bay before take-off and standard operating procedures were followed. All passengers were safely disembarked," the airline spokesperson said in a statement.

In 12 days, more than 275 flights operated by the Indian carriers have received bomb threats. Most of the threats were issued through social media.



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## अब एक साथ 85 विमानों को धमकी

नई दिल्ली। विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिलने की सिलसिला धमने का नाम नहीं ले रहा है। बृहस्पतिवार को एक बार फिर से 85 विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली है। इनमें एअर इंडिया के 20 विमान, इंडिगो एयरलाइन के 20, विस्तारा एयरलाइन के 20 और अकासा एयरलाइन की 25 उड़ानें शामिल हैं। पिछले 11 दिनों में इंडियन एयरलाइंस की 250 उड़ानों को इस तरह की धमकियां मिली हैं। पिछले

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धमकियां

कई दिनों से लगातार विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकियां मिल रही है। बृहस्पतिवार को एक बार फिर से 85 उड़ानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी दी गई है।

जिसमें एअर इंडिया, अकासा, इंडिगो की उड़ानें शामिल हैं। पुलिस ने मिली इन धमकियों की जांच शुरू कर दी है। दिल्ली पुलिस ने पिछले आठ दिनों में 90 से ज्यादा घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी के संबंध में आठ अलग-अलग एफआईआर दर्ज की हैं। जिसे लेकर पुलिस ने कई लोगों को भी गिरफ्तार किया है। यही नहीं डीजीसीए की ओर से भी लगातार सामने आ रही इस तरह की घटनाओं को लेकर दिशा निर्देश जारी किए गए हैं। अकासा एयर के प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि आज उनकी कुछ उड़ानों को सुरक्षा अलर्ट मिला है। प्रवक्ता ने कहा, अकासा एयर की आपताकालीन प्रतिक्रिया टीमों स्थिति की निगरानी कर रही हैं और सुरक्षा व नियामक अधिकारियों के साथ संपर्क में हैं।

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TIMES NEWS NETWORK

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Of 410 aircraft in its fleet, those grounded are now in 60s due to Pratt & Whitney’s prolonged engine issues — down from a peak of 70s — and the airline expects this number to be in 40s next fiscal. Since, post-Covid demand for travel is normalising, fares hikes are not similar to those being seen in the last two-three years.

IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers said: “IndiGo’s growth and expansion continued as our topline grew by 14.6% YoY.”



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