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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर कामर्शियल फ्लाइट ट्रायल के लिए अनुमति का इंतजार

जागरण संवाददाता, ग्रेटर नोएडा: नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर कामर्शियल फ्लाइट ट्रायल में विलंब हो सकता है। फ्लाइट ट्रायल के लिए महानिदेशालय नागर विमानन (डीजीसीए) से अभी अनुमति नहीं मिली है। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड के अधिकारियों के मुताबिक, 30 नवंबर से 15 दिसंबर के दौरान एयरपोर्ट पर कामर्शियल फ्लाइट का ट्रायल होना है। इसके बाद एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस के लिए आवेदन किया जाएगा।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से अगले साल से यात्री सेवाओं

30 नवंबर तक अनुमति मिलने का दावा, 30 नवंबर से 15 दिसंबर के दौरान होगा ट्रायल

को शुरुआत होगी है। इससे पहले एयरपोर्ट पर जांच प्रक्रिया को पूरा किया जा रहा है। यमुना प्राधिकरण कार्यालय में अक्टूबर में हुई बैठक में एयरपोर्ट की जांच प्रक्रिया को पूरा करने के लिए समय सारिणी तय की गई थी। डीजीसीए से कामर्शियल फ्लाइट ट्रायल के लिए 25 नवंबर तक अनुमति मिलनी थी, लेकिन अभी तक नहीं मिली है। इस वजह से 30 नवंबर को कामर्शियल फ्लाइट

ट्रायल होने की संभावना कम है। कामर्शियल फ्लाइट ट्रायल के दौरान अकस्मा, इंडिगो, भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण के विमानों को एयरपोर्ट के रनवे पर उतारा जाएगा। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लि. के नोडल अधिकारी शैलेंद्र भाटिया का कहना है कि डीजीसीए से 30 नवंबर तक कामर्शियल ट्रायल की अनुमति मिलने की उम्मीद है। 30 नवंबर से 15 दिसंबर के दौरान कामर्शियल फ्लाइट का ट्रायल होगा। सभी जांच प्रक्रिया को पूरा करते हुए 17 अप्रैल तक एयरपोर्ट संचालन से जुड़े सभी कार्य पूरे किए जाने हैं।



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Navi Mumbai airport operations delayed

SWARAJ BAGGONKAR
Mumbai, November 25

THE NAVI MUMBAI International Airport will now start operations only in the April-June quarter of 2025, a senior Adani Enterprises (AEL) executive said. The Adani Group, which runs the Mumbai International Airport, is building the new airport in Navi Mumbai.

An Adani Airport Holdings spokesperson, however, said, "There is no delay, as of now, in the opening of the Navi Mumbai Airport, as communicated to the state and central authorities."

The mega airport, with a capacity of 20 million passengers in the first phase, was earlier scheduled to start operations in December 2024 but that was delayed to the March quarter of 2025.

Robbie Singh, CFO, AEL, said: "Navi Mumbai Airport should click in in the second calendar quarter of next year." The disclosure was made to analysts after AEL declared its September quar-

ter results last month.

In October, a turboprop transport aircraft of Indian Air Force, made a successful landing on the southern runway.

The Navi Mumbai airport will be the Adani Group's eighth. Together with Mumbai, they will be viewed as one airport as per the group's blueprint which includes sharing of aircraft movements and development of non-aeronautical income.

Though it has two runways, the Mumbai airport can use only one at any given point. The Navi Mumbai airport will eventually have two runways after the conclusion of all the work phases. While Mumbai has two passenger terminals, the Navi Mumbai airport will begin with one terminal before adding three more.

Both these airports are being developed in a phased manner over 1,160 hectare with a potential capability of housing approximately 60 million passengers on completion of all the phases.

The Adani Group-owned airport is now expected to start operations in the April-June quarter of next year



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होगा, नए एयरपोर्ट बनेंगे

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। देश में उड़ान सेवा को विस्तार देने की दिशा में उड़ान 2.0 (योजना) पर काम शुरू हो गया है। उड्डयन मंत्रालय की तरफ से इसका खाका तैयार किया जा रहा है। इसे सभी पक्षों का सुझाव लेकर वित्त मंत्रालय के पास भेजा जाएगा। उड़ान 2.0 में देशभर में छोटे हवाई अड्डों का विस्तार होगा, जिससे ज्यादा लोगों को उड़ान सेवा का लाभ मिले।

सूत्रों का कहना है कि नई योजना में नियमों में भी काफी नरमी बरती जाएगी, जिससे नई हवाई पट्टी और एयरपोर्ट बनाने में कोई दिक्कत न आए। यह

योजना अगले 10 वर्ष के लिए होगी। जिसमें 100 से अधिक हवाई पट्टियों व एयरपोर्ट का विकास किया जाएगा। नई योजना का ड्राफ्ट तैयार करने के लिए मंत्रालय की तरफ से विमानन क्षेत्र से जुड़े सभी हितधारकों से चर्चा की जा रही है।

नियमों में बरती जा सकती नरमी: हेलीकॉप्टर, समुद्री विमान समेत छोटे विमानों से जुड़े नियमों में नरमी बरती जा सकती है। वहीं, विमानन क्षेत्र से जुड़ी कंपनियां आसानी से उड़ान सेवा शुरू कर सकें इसलिए नियमों में भी बदलाव होगा।



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THE HINDU

CHENNAI

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Airline leaves flyer's wheelchair behind at Ahmedabad airport

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 35-year-old passenger who took a connecting flight from Bengaluru to Delhi, via Ahmedabad, on Sunday faced inconvenience upon her arrival at the Delhi airport as her wheelchair was left behind in Ahmedabad.

Kadam Khatun took an IndiGo flight, which departed from Bengaluru at 1.08 a.m. and arrived in Ahmedabad at 3.12 a.m. From Ahmedabad, she boarded her connecting flight and departed for Delhi. Upon arrival at the Delhi airport at 6.05 a.m., it

came to her notice that her wheelchair was left behind.

Khatun said she faced some difficulty due to the non-availability of the wheel chair. She got her wheelchair back at 2.30 p.m.

In a statement, the airline said, "A passenger's wheelchair was left behind at the transit station, Ahmedabad. The wheelchair was promptly connected on the next flight to Delhi, while our team at Delhi airport provided all the support and assistance with a spare wheelchair, prioritising the passenger's comfort and well being."

Parandur airport may get 'in-principle' approval by February

This will allow Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation to float tenders to commence construction work in the first phase of the project



Set for take-off: After the State government made its decision to establish the second airport for Chennai in Parandur, steps were initiated for site clearance, which came through in July this year. FILE PHOTO

Sunitha Sekar
CHENNAI

The proposed airport in Parandur is likely to get the 'in-principle' approval by February next year.

With both air and passenger traffic witnessing rapid increase in metro cities, there has been a significant focus on the second airport planned for Chennai city in Parandur, at a cost of ₹29,144 crore, as it will improve flight connectivity.

After the State government made its decision in 2022 to establish the second airport for the city in Parandur, steps were initiated for site clearance, which came through in July this year.

Following this, Tamil

Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) applied for 'in-principle' approval in the last week of July.

"As of now, there are no issues with the application. We should be able to receive the 'in-principle' approval by February 2025," a source said.

The 'in-principle' approval will allow TIDCO to float tenders to commence construction in the first phase of the airport project.

The Parandur airport will come up on 2,172.73 hectares of land and the project will be taken up in four phases.

'Steady progress'

"The land acquisition process has been steadily progressing. The initial set of

notifications has been issued and we are making headway with the other procedures simultaneously. We are also working on rehabilitating the residents to neighbouring areas. But this will take some time," another source said.

Environmental nod

Meanwhile, officials said steps have been taken to carry out two studies - Environment Impact Assessment and Environment Management Plan - for obtaining the Environmental Clearance for the airport project.

These two studies are among the numerous others the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change has sought from TIDCO in order to obtain the Terms of Reference.



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MILLENNIUM POST

KOLKATA

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Never entered into pact to operate airport in Kenya, says Adani Group

NEW DELHI: Billionaire Gautam Adani's group on Saturday clarified on reports of Kenya cancelling more than USD 2.5 billion in deals after US indictment on bribery charges, saying it had not entered into any binding agreement to operate Kenya's main airport. On the pact it had signed last month to build and operate key electricity transmission lines in Kenya for 30 years, the group said the project did not fall within the ambit of Sebi's disclosure regulations, thereby not warranting any disclosure on its cancellation.

The group was responding to notices sent by stock exchanges to confirm reports of Kenyan President William Ruto ordering the cancellation of a procurement process that had been expected to award control of the country's main airport after

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the conglomerate's founder was indicted in the United States. Adani Enterprises Ltd, in a filing, said it had in August this year incorporated a step-down subsidiary in Kenya to upgrade, modernise, and manage airports.

"While the company was in discussion with the relevant authority for the said project, till date neither the company nor its subsidiaries (i) have been awarded any airport project in Kenya, or (ii) entered into any binding or definitive agreement in connection with any airport in Kenya," the firm said. It did not confirm or deny reports of

Kenya cancelling the airport deal. Adani Energy Solutions Ltd, the firm that operates power transmission lines, in a separate filing said on October 9 it was awarded the project to construct transmission lines in Kenya. Thereafter, it had incorporated a step-down subsidiary in Kenya.

"We submit that the project does not fall within the ambit of item 4 of Para B, Part A, Schedule III of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended (Sebi Listing Regulations) which requires intimation to be made for any awarding, bagging/ receiving, amendment or termination of awarded/bagged orders/contracts other than in the ordinary course of business," it said refusing to confirm or deny the cancellation. AGENCIES

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MILLENNIUM POST

KOLKATA

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Kolkata airport implements low visibility measures to tackle fog

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA: The authorities of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) airport, Kolkata are implementing low visibility procedures (LVP) in coordination with ATC and pilots to manage flights safely and minimise disruptions during fog.

Airlines are also taking

measures including deploying pilots qualified to fly in low visibility while crew members are being lodged at near airports to reduce delays caused by transportation challenges. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has asked airlines to communicate with passengers about delays and cancellations in a clear manner. The Kolkata airport authorities are

carrying out inspection and repair of the ground lighting system and navigation aids. Non-essential work is being barred on the airfield while also restricting non-essential vehicle movements on runways and taxiways.

It was reportedly learnt that between December and January last winter, flights in Kolkata airport were hit multiple

times due to poor visibility. Airport officials said that they are implementing low visibility procedures (LVP) in coordination with ATC and pilots to manage flights safely and minimise disruptions.

The Kolkata airport has a category III B (CAT III B) instrument landing system (ILS) that allows pilots to land or take off in a 50 m visibility range. The

ILS also has an approach lighting system (ALS) that assists the pilot in transitioning from instrument to visual flight, and to align the aircraft visually with the runway centerline. ALS helps the pilot to continue descending, for landing, towards the runway even when the runway lights are invisible due to fog or heavy rainfall.

The airport source said that

CAT III B ILS helps a pilot to operate in a visibility range of 175-50 metres but not below 50. The ALS guides the aircraft from the runway upto the parking bay. The system also follows a procedure called 'low visibility procedure' which ensures a safe grounding by limiting vehicle movement and clearance before landing and take-off of the aircraft.

जेवर एयरपोर्ट पर ट्रायल रन की तैयारियां पूरी हवाई जहाज उतारने की मिल सकती इजाजत

● 17 अप्रैल 2025 से
व्यावसायिक विमानों
की उड़ानें शुरू होने
की संभावना

पायनियर समाचार सेवा। नोएडा

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के पहले ट्रायल रन की तैयारियां जोरों पर हैं। आगामी 30 नवंबर को एयरपोर्ट के रनवे पर विमानों का ट्रायल रन प्रस्तावित है। इसके लिए एयरपोर्ट संचालित कर रही कंपनी यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड ने नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय से आवश्यक अनुमति प्राप्त करने के लिए आवेदन कर दिया है।

डीजीसीए से इस संबंध में जल्द मंजूरी मिलने की संभावना है। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर कैट-1 और



कैट-3 उपकरण पहले ही स्थापित किए जा चुके हैं। ये उपकरण खासतौर पर कोहरे और खराब मौसम में विमान की ऊंचाई के साथ दृश्यता

से संबंधित महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी प्रदान करते हैं। डीजीसीए द्वारा पहले ही इन उपकरणों का निरीक्षण किया जा चुका है। इसके साथ ही एयरपोर्ट पर

इंस्ट्रूमेंट लैंडिंग सिस्टम (आईएलएस) का भी सफलतापूर्वक परीक्षण हो चुका है। आईएलएस एक रेडियो नेविगेशन प्रणाली को एयरपोर्ट पर पहले ही स्थापित कर दिया गया है। यह प्रणाली पायलटों को कम दृश्यता और प्रतिकूल मौसम में सटीक लैंडिंग के लिए आवश्यक मार्गदर्शन देती है। इसका परीक्षण 10 से 14 अक्टूबर के बीच एयरक्राफ्ट बीच किंग एयर 360 ईआर के माध्यम से किया गया था। अफसरों ने बताया कि आगामी 30 नवंबर को प्रस्तावित ट्रायल रन की सफलता के बाद एयरपोर्ट पर 17 अप्रैल 2025 से व्यावसायिक विमानों की उड़ानें शुरू होने की संभावना है। ट्रायल रन के लिए डीजीसीए की अनुमति एक अहम कदम है। कंपनी ने आवश्यक दस्तावेज और जानकारी पहले ही प्रस्तुत कर दी है, और अब अनुमति मिलने का इंतजार किया जा रहा है।



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

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Teacher uses cancelled ticket to enter airport to see off girlfriend, arrested

A 45-year-old teacher, holding OCI (Dual Citizenship) and residing in the US, was apprehended at the Mumbai airport for attempting to exit the premises after falsely claiming that his Paris flight ticket was cancelled, reports **V Narayan**. Upon questioning by a sub-inspector who escorted Terence Saldanha to a officer, the accused revealed that he had deliberately used the cancelled ticket to gain entry into the airport. "His actual purpose was to bid farewell to his girlfriend, who departed for the US on in the early hours of Sunday. He was taken into custody and charged with cheating and forgery. Saldanha confessed to entering the airport with the cancelled ticket. The police found his US passport with him during the inquiry. "Saldanha is a teacher in US and has been a resident of the USA for over 20 years. A few months ago, he arrived in India to visit his relatives who live in Kalina," said a police officer.



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THE ASSAM TRIBUNE

GUWAHATI

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SriLankan Airlines eyes more tourists with Ramayana Trail package

NEW DELHI, Nov 24: Seeing India as a place that offers “enormous growth” opportunities, SriLankan Airlines aims to increase flights to the country as well as attract more tourists, including with the Ramayana Trail package, according to a top airline official.

The Ramayana Trail will help people connect with 20 significant locations in Sri Lanka that are linked to the Ramayana story.

SriLankan Airlines CEO Richard Nuttall said growth in the number of tourists from India has been stellar this year but still below the pre-Covid numbers.

He was speaking at a function in the national capital for the launch of the Ramayana Trail package on Saturday evening. High Commission-



er of Sri Lanka to India Kshenuka Senewiratne was also present.

Till the end of October this year, around 20 per cent of the tourists who came to Sri Lanka were from India.

“We have been looking at how to lift and rejuvenate tourism from India to Sri Lanka to the next level,” he said while mentioning the Ramayana Trail and added that it was time to do something different.

Currently, the airline op-

erates 88 flights a week to nine destinations in India – Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi, Trivandrum, Chennai, Trichy and Madurai.

Emphasising that the airline sees India as a place of “enormous growth and possibilities”, Nuttall said it wants to be part of that growth and is working with its Indian partners.

He said the airline aims to have more frequencies to the Indian cities that it already

operates and offer more flights at convenient times.

In due course, he said the carrier will look to add more destinations.

Kshenuka Senewiratne said Ramayana is not merely a story; it is a tapestry encapsulating culture, spirituality and heritage. “For centuries it has been a source of inspiration and guidance fostering connections between India and Sri Lanka through mythology, traditions and values in which people to people’s ties have always been at the core,” she said.

Through Ramayana Trail package, she said SriLankan Airlines is not only offering an opportunity to redefine the significant locations but also to celebrate the country’s rich cultural and natural heritage. – PTI



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GUWAHATI

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Air India Express increases flight operations from NE destinations

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: Low-cost airline Air India Express has announced an increase in flight operations from three major destinations in the northeast – Guwahati, Agartala and Imphal – as part of its winter schedule.

This is part of the airlines' expansion of winter services across the country, it said in a statement here.

Air India Express has increased its operations to 106 weekly flights from 63 last winter, from Guwahati.

It provides direct connectivity to eight domestic destinations – Agartala, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Imphal, Jaipur and Kolkata. The airline also provides one-stop connectivity to 18 domestic destinations and six international destinations from Guwahati.

In Imphal, the airline hiked its weekly flights to 34 this season, an addition of 20 over last winter, the statement said.

Since adding Agartala as a station in September 2024, the airline has increased its flights from 14 to 21 weekly and connects two destinations – Guwahati and Kolkata – directly.

It also offers one-stop connectivity from Agartala to 11 domestic destinations.

"The expansion not only facilitates easier travel for those wishing to explore Northeast but also strengthens Guwahati's role as a vital link with the rest of the country," Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) Ankur Garg said.

"With our fleet now exceeding 90 aircraft and rapidly growing, we are well-positioned to support the evolving needs of emerging Indian cities," he added. – PTI



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Embraer eyes India market for collaboration, technology transfer

Our Bureau

Mumbai

Brazilian plane maker Embraer is open to industrial cooperation and technology transfer with Indian companies, its President & CEO Francisco Gomes Neto said on Monday.

Currently, 40 Embraer-built civil and defence aircraft are in India, and the manufacturer hopes to grow its fleet as India and Brazil strengthen their ties.

“As relevant countries in the Global South, Brazil and India have similar challenges for their economic development, so strengthening the relationship between them will benefit the populations of both nations.

STRATEGIC MARKET

“For Embraer, India is a strategic market, both in commercial aviation and defence, and we are open to industrial cooperation and technology transfer with local companies,” said Neto.



Francisco Gomes Neto,
President and CEO of
Embraer

Earlier this month, on the sidelines of the G-20 meeting in Brazil, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva discussed cooperation in biofuels, defence and aerospace sectors in a bilateral meeting.

President Lula had also expressed his desire to visit India in 2025 with a government and business delegation.

Embraer said it welcomes the opportunity to join the Brazilian President’s delegation to India as it represents

an opportunity to advance aerospace and defence collaboration.

On the civilian side, regional airline Star Air operates nine Embraer aircraft and has announced plans to grow its fleet to 25 in three years.

DEFENCE SECTOR

Embraer is also pitching its C-390 Millennium military multi-mission transport aircraft to the Indian Air Force. In February, the plane maker signed an MoU with Mahindra Defence Systems to bid on IAF’s medium transport aircraft procurement project.

In recent weeks, Embraer has bagged contracts from Austria, the Netherlands, and Sweden to supply the C-390 millennium aircraft.

“The C-390’s operator base is expanding globally and the aircraft has demonstrated its interoperability and outstanding qualities in various worldwide missions,” the plane maker added.



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BUSINESS STANDARD

DELHI

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IndiGo, Japan Airlines to start codeshare tieup from Dec 16

Japan Airlines and IndiGo are set to commence their codeshare partnership from December 16, which would allow the Japanese carrier access to 18 destinations in India, a statement said on Monday. Currently, Japan Airlines operates daily services between Tokyo (Haneda Airport) and Delhi, and five times weekly services between Tokyo (Narita Airport) and Bengaluru.

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The UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) Scheme has fuelled the civil aviation sector to soar to greater heights time and again. On November 17, 2024, India's aviation sector reached a historic milestone as 5,05,412 domestic passengers took to the skies in a single day, marking the first time daily passenger numbers crossed the 5-lakh mark. In a country where the sky symbolizes hope and aspiration, the dream of affordable flying became a reality with the launch of UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on October 21, 2016.

With over 3,100 flights operating nationwide, this achievement highlights In-

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dia's growing prominence in the global aviation landscape. The UDAN scheme has been instrumental in this transformation, opera-

tionalizing 609 routes, including helicopter services, and seamlessly connecting states and Union Territories across the country.[1]

CREATING DIFFERENCE FOR AAM NAGRIK

Spearheaded by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the scheme has transformed air travel by enhancing regional connectivity and making it accessible to millions. With continuous advancements like helicopter routes and last-mile connectivity, UDAN has bridged the gap between aspirations and accessibility, reshaping India's aviation landscape. This relentless progress has now culminated in a historic milestone, showcasing the scheme's far-reaching impact.



Timeline of UDAN Scheme Advancements



SOME UDAN AIRPORTS



Darbhanga Airport

■ **Darbhanga Airport (Civil Enclave):** Once off the aviation map, Darbhanga celebrated the arrival of its first flight from Delhi on November 9, 2020. This airport now serves as a gateway for 14 districts in North Bihar, connecting to major cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Kolkata, and handling over 5 lakh passengers in FY 2023-24.

Bhubaneswar, with over 2 lakh passengers in FY 2023-24.

■ **Jharsuguda Airport (AAI Airport):** Previously a dilapidated WWII airstrip, Jharsuguda became operational in March 2019, serving as the second airport in Odisha. It now connects the region to Delhi, Kolkata, Bengaluru, and

■ **Pithoragarh Airport:** Nestled in the Himalayas, this airport was identified for RCS operations in 2018 and began service in January 2019. Currently, it connects to Dehradun and Pantnagar, showcasing its strategic importance.

■ **Tezu Airport:** Known for its scenic beauty and religious significance, Tezu airport commenced RCS operations in August 2021. It connects Guwahati, Jorhat, and Dibrugarh, accommodating approximately 12,000 passengers in FY 2023-24.



Jharsuguda Airport

Domestic Air Passenger Traffic Rises 5.3% to 13.6 M in Oct



Mumbai: India's domestic air passenger traffic grew 5.3% to 13.6 million in October from 12.6 million in the same month last year, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)'s monthly data showed on Tuesday.

During the reporting month, budget carrier IndiGo carried 8.64 million passengers, clocking a market share of 63.3%, followed by Tata Group-run Air India and Vistara, which flew 2.65 million and 1.24 million travellers, respectively.

Air India numbers include the number of passengers flown by its low-cost arm Air India Express, as per data. Air India merged its subsidiary AIX Connect with its low-cost international budget arm Air India Express on October 1 this year.

The merged entity named as Air India Express now operates as the low-cost arm of Air India.

The market share of Air India (including Air India Express) during October 2024 stood at 19.4%, while that of Vistara at 9.1%, as per the DGCA data.

Vistara, earlier a 51:49% joint venture between Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines, also merged with full-service carrier Air India on November 12.

The two Tata Group airlines (Air India and Vistara) taken together accounted for 28.5% of the total domestic passenger traffic last month, according to data.

At the same time, SpiceJet flew 0.33 million passengers while Akasa Air transported 0.62 million passengers in the previous month, accounting for 2.4% and 5.4% in the overall domestic passenger traffic in October 2024, the DGCA data showed. — PTI



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JAPAN AIRLINES & INDIGO CODESHARE DEAL BEGINS IN DEC

JAPAN AIRLINES AND domestic budget carrier IndiGo are all set to commence their codeshare partnership from December 16, which will allow the Japanese carrier access to 18 destinations in India, a statement said on Monday.



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Airfares may rise globally next year

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GLOBAL AIRFARES ARE set to become more expensive in 2025 even as gains moderate, according to an American Express Global Business Travel Group Inc. forecast, with ticket prices reflecting higher costs and lingering supply-chain disruptions.

The slower climb in ticket expenses is a leveling off from this year's steep post-Covid increases, the global corporate travel manager said in its annual report on the cost of flying. Fares on most routes will rise, though the size of the increases will likely vary greatly by region. North America and Europe are expected to see more "modest" increases of around 2% while Asia and Australasia, among the last regions to unwind pandemic curbs, are set to see rises of close to 14%.

While airlines are largely more bullish about demand in 2025, their near-term efforts to add capacity remain hampered by delays in both new Airbus SE and Boeing planes.

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घरेलू हवाई यात्री 5.3% की सालाना दर से बढ़े

मुंबई, एजेंसी। भारत का घरेलू हवाई यात्री यातायात अक्टूबर 2024 में 5.3 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 1.36 करोड़ हो गया। विमानन नियामक डीजीसीए ने मंगलवार को जारी मासिक आंकड़ों में यह जानकारी दी। पिछले साल अक्टूबर में घरेलू उड़ानों के यात्रियों की संख्या 1.26 करोड़ रही थी।

समीक्षाधीन महीने में किफायती विमानन कंपनी इंडिगो ने 86.40 लाख यात्रियों को मंजिल तक पहुंचाया और उसने 63.3 प्रतिशत बाजार हिस्सेदारी हासिल की। इसके

■ सालाना आधार पर
अक्टूबर में 10 लाख
की बढ़ोतरी हुई

बाद टाटा समूह की एयर इंडिया और विस्तारा का स्थान रहा। एयर इंडिया की उड़ानों से 26.48 लाख और विस्तारा से 12.43 लाख यात्रियों ने यात्रा की। एयर इंडिया के आंकड़ों में इसकी किफायती इकाई एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस से सफर करने वाले यात्री शामिल हैं। अक्टूबर में एयर इंडिया की बाजार हिस्सेदारी 19.4 प्रतिशत रही।



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FAA probes 737 Max smoke risks after bird strikes

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U.S. aviation regulators are examining whether pilots of Boeing Co.'s 737 Max should take new precautions following two incidents in which planes were filled with smoke after large birds struck the engines.

A small group of investigators at the Federal Aviation Administration has developed internal recommendations on how to address the issue, including potentially requiring pilots to shut down one or both air conditioning packs during takeoff that regulate airflow in the cockpit.

The change would be temporary until Boeing implements a permanent fix, according to the recommendations, seen by *Bloomberg News*. They also urged the FAA to review all novel and unique features of the 737 Max to

ensure that they are adequately communicated in pilot operating manuals. The agency has not made a final decision about the matter. A representative for the FAA said on Thursday that the agency is convening a Corrective Action Review Board "in the coming weeks," and that the board's work will include "thoroughly evaluating the internal FAA safety recommendations."

Separately, the National Transportation Safety Board said in a statement Friday that it would conduct its own investigation into the December 2023 bird-strike incident, the most recent of the two.

The mishaps involved Boe-

ing Co. 737 Max aircraft flown by Southwest Airlines Co. and LEAP-1B engines made by CFM International, a joint venture of GE Aerospace and Safran SA. The FAA said it's collaborating with Boeing, CFM and European aviation safety regulators to address the engine issue.

The review board—which identifies and evaluates safety issues, develops corrective steps and can order changes at airlines or manufacturers—will "examine the data and develop a path forward," the FAA said in a statement. "The FAA has determined this is not an immediate flight-safety issue."

Following the incidents, Southwest said it notified pilots about the effects of the bird

A Southwest flight on 5 March 2023, encountered smoke after a turkey vulture was sucked into the engine

strikes and reiterated safety procedures for such incidents. The airline "continues to address this issue through its robust safety management system while working with the manufacturers and safety regulators to identify a permanent solution," it said in a statement Thursday.

The system linked to the smoke incidents doesn't appear in pilot training or operating materials, which "is very concerning," the internal FAA group said, likening it to the flight control system tied to two fatal 737 Max crashes in 2018 and 2019. The smoke incidents involved a Southwest flight from Havana to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on 5 March 2023, in which at least one turkey vulture was sucked into the engine. In the second, a female bald eagle hit the engine of a New Orleans to Tampa flight on 20 December.



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India's domestic air passenger traffic grew 5.3% to 1.36 crore in October from 1.26 crore in the same month last year, aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation's monthly data showed on Tuesday. During the reporting month, budget carrier IndiGo carried 86.40 lakh passengers, clocking a market share of 63.3%, followed by Tata Group-run Air India and Vistara, which flew 26.48 lakh and 12.43 lakh travellers, respectively.

The two Tata Group airlines (Air India and Vistara) taken together accounted for 28.5% of the total domestic passenger traffic last month, according to DGCA data. At the same time, SpiceJet flew 3.35 lakh passengers while Akasa Air, transported 6.16 lakh passengers in the previous month, accounting for 2.4% and 5.4% in the overall domestic passenger traffic in October 2024, the data showed.

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NTPC in talks to sell jet biofuel

NTPC Green aims to supply sustainable aviation fuel to carriers like British Airways, Lufthansa, Singapore Airlines

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NTPC Green Energy Ltd (NGEL) is in talks with British Airways, Lufthansa, Singapore Airlines, and Virgin Atlantic to secure deals for supplying sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), or jet biofuel, to be produced at its green hydrogen hub in Andhra Pradesh's Pudimadaka.

"NGEL has started talks with several possible SAF offtakers. The talks are in an initial stage. The industry is waiting for standards for SAF in India and globally, which would help finalize these offtake agreements," said a person close to the development.

A Lufthansa spokesperson, in reply to *Mint's* emailed query, said: "While we can't comment on specific commercial discussions, I can confirm Lufthansa Group is one of the largest purchasers of SAF in Europe, and we are always open to opportunities to increase the supply of this important resource."

A spokesperson for Singapore Air-



NGEL will produce sustainable aviation fuel at its facility in Andhra Pradesh.

lines said it does not comment on any "confidential discussions" that it may or may not be having. Queries sent to NTPC, British Airways and Virgin Atlantic remained unanswered till press time.

SAF refers to non-conventional aviation fuel produced through alternative feedstock, including grains, alco-

hol, and residual food waste.

The arm of state-run power generator NTPC plans to start producing SAF at its green hydrogen hub in Andhra Pradesh in 2026-27. NGEL would be developing and leasing out facilities for renewable energy generation and production of green molecules, including green hydrogen, green ammonia, SAF,

green methanol, ethanol and green urea at the hub, projected to be constructed with a capital expenditure of ₹1.85 trillion. Spread over 1,600 acres near Visakhapatnam, the hub is expected to produce 1,500 tonnes of SAF every day, along with 1,500 tonnes of green hydrogen, 4,500 tonnes of green ammonia, and 1,500 tonnes of green methanol, among others.

The diversification towards green molecules comes against the backdrop of NTPC's ambitious plan to decarbonize its operations and enter new-age green energy spaces, as the window for coal-based power, the power generator's conventional business, is fast closing.

The largest power generation utility, through its green energy arm NGEL, plans to pump in ₹5 trillion in the green energy and green molecule space by 2030. NGEL currently has a capacity of about 6GW, and aims to expand it to 19GW by 2026-27. About 90% of NGEL's planned 60GW of

renewable energy capacity by 2030 would comprise solar power.

The demand for SAF is expected to gain momentum, with countries coming up with mandates for SAF use by airlines. Global mandates are likely to come by 2027. In the UK, the SAF mandate will start next year at 2% of the total jet fuel demand of the country and gradually increase to 10% by 2030 and then to 22% by 2040. From 2040, the obligation will remain at 22% until there is greater certainty regarding SAF supply.

India had plans to introduce mandatory 1% SAF blending from 2025 and increase it in subsequent years.

On 25 September, *The Indian Express* reported that the Centre is likely to come up with mandates for blending of SAF with aviation turbine fuel for domestic flights only after the global mandates for international flights kick in from 2027.

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AIR INDIA EXPRESS INCREASES FLIGHT OPERATIONS FROM NE DESTINATIONS

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its weekly flights to 34 this season, an addition of 20 over last winter, the statement said. Since adding Agartala as a station in September 2024, the airline has increased its flights from 14 to 21 weekly, and connects two destinations – Guwahati and Kolkata – directly.

It also offers one-stop connectivity from Agartala to 11 domestic destinations.

"The expansion not only facilitates easier travel for those wishing to explore North East, but also strengthens Guwahati's role as a vital link with the rest of the country," Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) Ankur Garg said.

"With our fleet now exceeding 90 aircraft and rapidly growing, we are well-positioned to support the evolving needs of emerging Indian cities," he added.



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दुधवा महोत्सव में आज से आरंभ होगी हवाई सेवा

स्वतंत्र भारत ब्यूरो, लखनऊ। लखीमपुर में 'दुधवा महोत्सव 2024' का कल सोमवार को पर्यटन एवं संस्कृति मंत्री जयवीर सिंह शुभारंभ करेंगे। इस महोत्सव में कई कार्यक्रमों के साथ ही यहां आने वाले सैलानियों के लिए हवाई सेवा की शुरुआत भी होगी। देश के चुनिंदा पर्यटन स्थलों में एक दुधवा सैलानियों की पहली पसंद रही है। लखनऊ के चौधरी चरण सिंह हवाई अड्डे से एक विमान 25 नवम्बर को पलिया हवाई अड्डे के लिए उड़ान भरेगा। इसका आनंद लेने के प्रति सैलानी के लिए किराया पांच हजार रुपए निर्धारित किया गया है। दुधवा नेशनल पार्क पर आधारित एक वीडियो फिल्म का प्रसारण भी होगा। जयवीर सिंह ने कहा कि दुधवा महोत्सव के जरिए उत्तर प्रदेश के समृद्ध प्राकृतिक और सांस्कृतिक धरोहरों को राष्ट्रीय तथा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर प्रस्तुत करने का प्रयास किया जा

रहा है। यह आयोजन दुधवा नेशनल पार्क में होगा, जहां जैव विविधता और पर्यटन के विकास को केंद्र में रखा जाएगा। राज्य में पर्यटन के विकास में विभाग का ये प्रयास मील का पत्थर साबित होगा। उन्होंने कहा कि यूपी का एकमात्र राष्ट्रीय उद्यान दुधवा का कोर जोन 884 वर्ग किलोमीटर में फैला है। यहां पर बेशकीमती पौधे, घासें, बाघ, तेंदुआ, भालू, हाथी, गैंडा, हिरण, सरीसृप, पक्षी व जीव-जंतु पर्यटकों को आकर्षित करते हैं। दुधवा राष्ट्रीय उद्यान देखने के लिए यहां संचालित पर्यटन सेवाओं में आस-पास के क्षेत्रीय निवासियों, थारु जनजाति को वरीयता दी जाती है। पर्यटन क्षेत्र में वर्तमान में 90 नेचर गाइड, 60 वाहन चालकों को रोजगार प्राप्त है। इसी तरह, दुधवा के आस-पास वनों पर निर्भरता को कम किए जाने की दृष्टि से संचालित ईको विकास समितियां भी पर्यटन में सेवाएं प्रदान कर रही हैं।



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Gateway to unparalleled opportunities

As the world's fastest-growing aviation market, India offers a wealth of avenues for businesses looking to expand their footprint

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India is poised to become the world's largest aviation market by 2030, with passenger traffic growing at an impressive rate of 6-7 per cent annually. By FY 2027, India is expected to serve over 520 million annual passengers, fuelling immense opportunities for global companies in the aviation sector. With government plans to invest \$12 billion in airport infrastructure by 2025 and the construction of 220 new airports by 2030.

In order to aid companies aiming to tap into this booming market, the 3rd edition of Indi-Airport Expo 2024 is set to unite the global aviation industry from 26 to 28 November 2024 at Yashobhoomi (IICC), Dwarka, Sector 25, New Delhi. Jointly organised by Radeecal Communications and IFW Heidelberg Expo GmbH, this international exhibition and summit on airport, maintenance, repair, and overhaul and aviation technology, infrastructure, advancement, facilities, services and ground handling equipment promises to be a pivotal moment in shaping the future of aviation. The event is expected to host over 75 exhibitors, welcome more than 5,000 visitors, and see participation from more than countries.

The Indian maintenance, repair, and overhaul sector is also on an upward trajectory, projected to grow to \$4.33 billion by 2028. This growth is driven by an expanding aircraft fleet and favorable tax incentives, making India an attractive hub for MRO operations. Additionally, the air cargo sector is witnessing significant advancements, spurred by the growth of e-commerce and international trade. The

government's UDAN scheme has further boosted regional connectivity, presenting new opportunities for businesses in airport technology and logistics.

Aviation expos offer an unparalleled opportunity for global companies to showcase cutting-edge technologies and engage with key stakeholders. Such events feature innovations in airport management, smart transit systems, ground handling equipment, and green airport solutions. For international businesses, there are chances

to establish partnerships, explore new markets, and contribute to India's aviation growth story.

The Aviation Summit, running alongside the exhibition on 26 and 27 November, will host insightful panel discussions led by industry leaders. Topics include transforming airport infrastructure with innovation and efficiency, revolutionising air cargo delivery systems, and developing a sustainable MRO ecosystem in India. The summit will also delve into the potential of India's UDAN scheme, which

has been a game-changer in regional air connectivity. The summit will feature distinguished guests, including Union Minister of State for civil aviation, Murlidhar Mohol, as the chief guest. Piyush Srivastava, senior economic advisor, ministry of civil aviation authority of India, will serve as the guest of honour, while Dr Sharad Kumar, member operations, airports authority of India (AAI), will be a special guest. International contributions include Miriam Schönrock, head of marketing for GATE Alliance, and

Rocco Marcuccio, project coordinator for Airtech Italy.

Adding global flair, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action of Germany will organise an official German country pavilion, showcasing the technological expertise of German aviation companies. GATE Alliance, a leader in airport innovation since 1992, and Airtech Italy will also participate, demonstrating cutting-edge solutions in aviation technology. For airport authorities, developers, and technology consumers, aviation summits are a gateway to the future. They provide an exclusive platform to explore innovative solutions, engage with industry leaders, and forge partnerships that could define the next era of aviation.

These events are more than exhibitions; they are a hub for collaboration, innovation, and growth.