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Now, Kothagudem airport on fast-track

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After sanctioning funds to revive Mamnoor airport in Warangal, the state govt has decided to fast-track another airport at Kothagudem in Bhadrachalam-Kothagudem district. It has identified about 950 acres in the district and recently urged the Airport Authority of India (AAI) to conduct a pre-feasibility study.

Sources said the industries department has submitted details such as location and 10 years of weather data to the Centre for the study. But as the site partly includes forest land, it will also require clearance from the ministry of environment and forest.

Telangana has proposed six airports in the state and has been asking the Centre to consider greenfield airports. Earlier, the govt had proposed

a site between Gudipadu and Bangarlujala villages in Palwancha mandal, but the AAI said the land was not suitable. Later, the district administration identified land in Kothagudem mandal, Ramavaram, Sujathanagar, and Chunchupally villages.

"An airport at Kothagudem is required as it is 270km from Hyderabad, and the district has Singareni offices and industries such as the Manuguru heavy water plant and power generation plant... It will help pilgrims visiting Bhadrachalam Ramchandra Swamy temple. The district is close to Chhattisgarh border and the Centre is keen on the airport from a security point of view," a senior official said.

"CM Revanth Reddy has spoken with Union civil aviation minister, and the Centre is willing to take up the airport project," a senior official at the chief minister's office said.



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MUMBAI

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22 KG OF WEED WORTH AROUND ₹22 CR SEIZED AT MUMBAI AIRPORT

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MUMBAI: The Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) of the customs department on Monday seized 22kg of hydroponic weed worth around ₹22 crore at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) from two separate passengers who arrived from Bangkok.

For several months, the officials were working on the profile of the suspects arrested earlier by using the supplier's modus operandi and strategy, said customs officials. Based on the profiling, the officers intercepted two passengers.

In the first case, the officials laid a trap at certain places near the green channel for clearance and nabbed a passenger at CSMIA. The agency recovered ₹8.337 kilograms hydroponic weed (marijuana), valued at around ₹8.337 crore.

Another team managed to intercept another passenger and seized 14 kg of hydroponic weed from his possession. The contraband has an illicit market value of around ₹14 crore. In both cases, the contraband was concealed in vacuum sealed packets that were stored inside food packets carried in their baggage. Both were arrested under relevant sections of the NDPS Act for supplying drugs illegally in the Mumbai city.



International Flights Will Be Able To Land

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A crucial milestone is on the way for the state's aviation sector, which will catapult Warangal into the global aviation network. The Mamnoor airport will soon accommodate wide-body aircraft of Boeing and Airbus once the facility becomes operational.

According to sources, Mamnoor airport's infrastructure will be upgraded to match leading terminals across the country, enabling it to handle aircraft such as A320 and B737 for international routes. The B737 accommodates up to 215 passengers, whereas the A320 usually seats from 140 to 170 passengers and has a maximum capacity to accommodate as many as 180 travellers. Both Airbus and Boeing aircraft are used by several airlines in India, including Air India, Akasa Air, IndiGo, and SpiceJet.

"Infrastructure, includ-



• Amount sanctioned for land acquisition of airport ₹205cr	• Additional land required to hand over to AAI 253 acres	• Existing land in airport 750 acres
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ing a new runway, will be developed to accommodate wide-body aircraft. The initial phase will focus on operating aircraft with around 100-passenger capacity, connecting major cities including Mumbai, Delhi, Tirupati, Bengaluru, and Vijayawada," said a source in roads & buildings department.

The development plan includes construction of a signal tower, security faci-

ties, and an administrative building, conforming to technical and safety standards laid down by DGCA under the Aircraft Act. After commencement of domestic operations, the airport will undergo enhancements to meet global standards, facilitating both international passenger and cargo operations.

In addition, runway and approach lighting, and buildings/structures in which



communication and other equipment used for landing and navigation will be housed will come up at the Mamnoor airport, which is about 150km from Warangal.

A master plan has been prepared for operation of A320 type aircraft, for instrument flight rules operations. In fact, Mamnoor airport got NOC for operation in a concession agreement between Hyderabad International Airport and Ministry of Civil Aviation. As per the agreement, no new or existing airport shall be permitted to be developed as, or upgraded into, domestic/international airport within an aerial distance of 150 km of the airport before 25th anniversary of the airport opening date.



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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

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IndiGo tops domestic air traffic with 63.3% market share in October

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Airline major IndiGo has enhanced its domestic market share to over 63 per cent in October, according to the latest air passenger traffic data released by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

IndiGo achieved the highest market share among all domestic airlines during the month under review.

The airline ferried 86.4 lakh passengers in October, attaining a market share of 63.3 per cent, its highest market share during 2024.

IndiGo was followed by the Air India Group (including Air India Express), which carried 26.48 lakh passengers to attain a market share of 19.4 per cent.

The low-cost airline Air India Express is a subsidiary



The DGCA data showed that domestic passenger traffic rose over 5%

of Air India. On October 1, AIX Connect (formerly known as AirAsia India) merged with Air India Express.

Meanwhile, Vistara, which remained an independent airline until recently, carried 12.43 lakh passengers for a

9.1 per cent share.

The data showed that budget carrier SpiceJet flew 3.35 lakh passengers to reach a market share of 2.4 per cent, and Akasa Air carried 6.16 lakh to attain a share of 4.5 per cent.

Besides, Alliance Air carried 0.98 lakh passengers to get a share of 0.7 per cent, followed by Star Air, which carried 0.57 lakh to get a share of 0.4 per cent, and Fly91 flew 0.17 lakh to get a market share of 0.1 per cent.

The data showed that Vistara had the highest passenger load factor (PLF) for the month under review, at 86.1 per cent.

The airline was followed by Akasa Air, at 85.7 per cent, and IndiGo, at 82.3 per cent.

MOST PUNCTUAL

On-time performance-wise, the report pointed out that IndiGo led the industry with

a 71.9 per cent punctuality rate at the four major airports in Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad and Mumbai. Vistara followed the airline at 71.4 per cent and Akasa Air at 67.2 per cent.

On an overall basis, the DGCA data showed that domestic passenger traffic rose over 5 per cent during the month under review on a year-on-year basis.

The scheduled domestic flight operators ferried around 1.36 crore passengers last month, up from 1.26 crore in the corresponding period last year.

"Passengers carried by domestic airlines during January-October were 13.21 crore as against 12.54 crore during the corresponding period of the previous year, thereby registering an annual growth of 5.30 per cent and monthly growth of 8.08 per cent," the report said.

एविएशन • फ्रांस, ऑस्ट्रेलिया, रूस अब भी 2019 के लेवल से नीचे विमानों में सीटें इस साल प्री-कोविड से 13% ज्यादा होंगी, टॉप-5 में पहुंचेगा भारत

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देश में इस साल एयरलाइन सीट कैपेसिटी 2019 के प्री-कोविड लेवल से 12.7% ज्यादा हो जाने का अनुमान है। इसकी बदौलत भारत दुनिया में सबसे अधिक सीट क्षमता वाले टॉप-5 देशों में शामिल हो जाएगा। हालांकि इस साल भी टॉप-20 देशों में से लगभग आधे एयरलाइन सीट कैपेसिटी के मामले में प्री-कोविड लेवल पर भी नहीं पहुंच पाएंगे। इनमें फ्रांस, ऑस्ट्रेलिया, रूस, कनाडा, थाईलैंड और दक्षिण कोरिया शामिल हैं।

वैश्विक ट्रेवल डेटा प्रोवाइडर ओएजी की स्टडी रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, चार देशों- सऊदी अरब, यूएई, मैक्सिको और तुर्किये में एयरलाइन सीट कैपेसिटी भारत के मुकाबले ज्यादा तेजी से बढ़ने का अनुमान है। कुल एयरलाइन सीट क्षमता में 17.1% ग्रोथ के साथ सऊदी अरब पहले नंबर पर है। 15% ग्रोथ के साथ यूएई दूसरे, 14.4% ग्रोथ के साथ मैक्सिको तीसरे और 12.3% के साथ तुर्किये चौथे नंबर पर है।

भारत में ग्राउंडेड हो चुके विमान सबसे बड़ी चुनौती

भारत की एयरलाइन कैपेसिटी बढ़ने में कुछ गंभीर चुनौतियां सामने आई हैं। मसलन सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन इंडिगो को प्रैट एंड व्हिटनी से पुर्जे और इंजन मिलने में देरी हो रही है। इसके चलते कंपनी के 70 विमान खड़े हैं। नतीजतन रोजाना 68 हजार से ज्यादा सीटों का नुकसान हो रहा है। हालांकि इंडिगो, एअर इंडिया और अकासा एयर ने 1,120 विमानों के ऑर्डर दिए हैं। इससे एविएशन सेक्टर में भारत की ग्रोथ तेजी से बढ़ने की उम्मीद जताई गई है।

इस वर्ष 8% ग्रोथ भारत 'सातवें आसमान' पर

ओएजी की रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, 2023 के मुकाबले इस साल भारत में कुल एयरलाइन सीट कैपेसिटी 8% बढ़ने की उम्मीद जताई गई है। इस मामले में भारत सातवें स्थान पर पहुंच जाएगा। दक्षिण कोरिया (16.7%), थाईलैंड (13.8%), सऊदी अरब (11.7%) और यूएई (10.5%) जैसे देश इस मामले में भारत से आगे हैं। इस बीच जर्मनी और इंडोनेशिया ने एविएशन इंडस्ट्री की सीट क्षमता में कमी के बाद 2024 में सुधार किया है।



एयरलाइन सीट क्षमता बढ़ने में सऊदी अरब शीर्ष पर

देश	2019-24	2023-24
सऊदी अरब	17.7%	11.7%
यूएई	15%	10.5%
मैक्सिको	14.4%	-3.3%
तुर्किये	12.3%	6.2%
भारत	12.7%	8.0%
स्पेन	12.1%	9.4%
इटली	11.3%	10.4%
चीन	10.0%	6.2%

(आंकड़े अनुमानित, स्रोत: ओएजी)

अक्टूबर में घरेलू हवाई सफर करने वालों की बढ़ी तादाद, 1.36 करोड़ यात्रियों ने भरी उड़ान

■ अक्टूबर में 5.3 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर्ज की गई, जो पिछले साल इसी महीने के 1.26 करोड़ से बढ़कर 1.36 करोड़ हो गया

■ लीडिंग एयरलाइन इंडिगो ने इस महीने के दौरान 86.40 लाख लोगों को हवाई यात्रा करवाई

नई दिल्ली, 26 नवम्बर (एजेंसियां)। नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) द्वारा दी गई जानकारी के अनुसार, भारत के घरेलू हवाई यात्री यातायात में अक्टूबर में 5.3 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर्ज की गई, जो पिछले साल इसी महीने के 1.26 करोड़ से बढ़कर 1.36 करोड़ हो गया। लीडिंग एयरलाइन इंडिगो ने इस महीने के दौरान 86.40 लाख लोगों को हवाई यात्रा करवाई, जिसकी बाजार हिस्सेदारी 63.3 प्रतिशत रही।



इसके बाद टाटा समूह की एयर इंडिया और विस्तारा का स्थान रहा, जिन्होंने क्रमशः 26.48 लाख और 12.43 लाख यात्रियों को हवाई सफर करवाया। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस सहित एयर इंडिया ने 19.4 प्रतिशत बाजार हिस्सेदारी दर्ज की, जबकि विस्तारा, जिसका अब एयर इंडिया में विलय हो चुका है, की बाजार हिस्सेदारी 9.1 प्रतिशत रही। स्पाइसजेट ने अक्टूबर के दौरान 3.35 लाख यात्रियों को हवाई सफर करवाया, जबकि अकासा

एयर ने 6.16 लाख लोगों को यात्रा करवाई। दोनों एयरलाइनों ने क्रमशः 2.4 प्रतिशत और 5.4 प्रतिशत बाजार हिस्सेदारी दर्ज की। हवाई यातायात में उछाल नवंबर में भी जारी रहा। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय द्वारा दी गई जानकारी के अनुसार, 17 नवंबर को एक ही दिन में 5,05,412 घरेलू यात्रियों ने उड़ान भरी, जो पहली बार 5 लाख का आंकड़ा पार कर गया। मंत्रालय के लेटेस्ट आंकड़ों के अनुसार, इस दिन प्रस्थान करने वाली कुल

फ्लाइट की संख्या 3,173 थी। एयरलाइनों की समय की पाबंदी की बात करें तो इंडिगो ने अक्टूबर के दौरान चार मेट्रो हवाई अड्डों - दिल्ली, मुंबई, बंगलुरु और हैदराबाद से 71.9 प्रतिशत का उच्चतम ऑन-टाइम प्रदर्शन किया। डीजीसीए के आंकड़ों से पता चलता है कि देश की छह प्रमुख एयरलाइनों में एलायंस एयर का ओटीपी सबसे कम 54.4 प्रतिशत था। भारतीय विमानन उद्योग में भी कुछ कॉर्पोरेट दोबारा गठन हुआ है, जिसमें विस्तारा, जो पहले टाटा संस और सिंगापुर एयरलाइंस के बीच 51-49 प्रतिशत का संयुक्त उद्यम था, का भी 12 नवंबर को पूर्ण-सेवा वाहक एयर इंडिया के साथ विलय हो गया। सिंगापुर एयरलाइंस ने कहा है कि वह टाटा समूह के स्वामित्व वाली एयरलाइन के साथ विस्तारा के प्रत्याशित विलय के बाद एयर इंडिया में 3,194.5 करोड़ रुपए का निवेश करेगी।



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DECCAN HERALD

BANGALORE

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Domestic air passenger traffic rises 5.3% to 1.36 cr in Oct; Indigo corners 63.3% share

MUMBAI, PTI: 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 DGCA'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.

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 Directorate General of Civil Aviation 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 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 DGCA data showed.

IndiGo delivered the highest on-time performance from four metro airports.

'उपद्रवी विमान यात्रियों से निपटने के दिशानिर्देश अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर के बनें'

नई दिल्ली, प्रेटर: सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने उपद्रवी विमान यात्रियों से निपटने को केंद्र सरकार व डीजीसीए को निर्देश दिया है कि वे अधिक व्यापक दिशानिर्देश तैयार करें, जो अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर के हों। कहा, इस बारे में कुछ रचनात्मक करने की जरूरत है।

पीठ 73 वर्षीय महिला हेमा राजारामन की याचिका पर सुनवाई कर रही थी, जिन पर नवंबर, 2022 में एअर इंडिया की उड़ान के दौरान एक पुरुष सहयात्री शंकर मिश्रा ने नशे की हालत में कथित रूप से पेशाब कर दी थी। हेमा ने ऐसी घटनाओं से निपटने को केंद्र, डीजीसीए व विमानन कंपनियों को एसओपी बनाने के निर्देश देने की मांग की है।

पीठ ने एडिशनल सालिसिटर जनरल एश्वर्या भाटी से कहा कि संबंधित अधिकारियों को वर्तमान दिशानिर्देशों की पड़ताल करने और उसमें उचित संशोधन करने के निर्देश दिए जाएं।

जस्टिस विश्वनाथन ने इसी तरह की घटना का अनुभव साझा किया, जब वह जस्टिस सूर्यकांत के साथ यात्रा कर रहे थे। कहा कि हमारा हाल का एक अनुभव है। दो यात्री शराब के नशे में थे। उनमें से एक वाशरूम गया और वहां सो गया। दूसरा बाहर था और उल्टी करने के लिए बैग लिए हुए था। चालक दल के सभी

- 73 वर्षीय महिला की याचिका पर दिए निर्देश, महिला पर सहयात्री ने कर दी थी पेशाब
- पीठ में शामिल जस्टिस विश्वनाथन ने इस तरह की हाल की घटना का अनुभव किया साझा



सीआइसी में रिक्तियां भरने को क्या कदम उठाए: कोर्ट

नई दिल्ली, प्रेटर: केंद्रीय सूचना आयोग (सीआइसी) और राज्य सूचना आयोगों (एसआइसी) में रिक्तियों को गंभीरता से लेते हुए सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने केंद्र व राज्य सरकारों से इन पदों को भरने के लिए उठाए कदमों के बारे में अवगत कराने को कहा। कोर्ट ने कहा, जिन राज्यों ने रिक्त पदों को भरने की प्रक्रिया शुरू की है, उन्हें चार सप्ताह के भीतर प्रक्रिया पूरी करनी चाहिए।

सदस्य महिलाएं थीं और करीब 30-35 मिनट तक कोई दरवाजा नहीं खोल पाया। तब चालक दल के सदस्यों ने मेरे सहयात्री से दरवाजा खोलने और उस यात्री को सीट तक पहुंचाने का आग्रह किया।



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अक्टूबर में 1.36 करोड़ लोगों ने किया घरेलू हवाई सफर

मुंबई: अक्टूबर के दौरान 1.36 करोड़ लोगों ने घरेलू हवाई सफर किया है और इसमें पिछले वर्ष की समान अवधि के मुकाबले 5.3 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि रही है। नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय के अनुसार, अक्टूबर 2023 में 1.26 लोगों ने घरेलू हवाई सफर किया था। इस वर्ष अक्टूबर में 86.40 लाख यात्रियों के साथ इंडिगो पहले और 26.48 लाख यात्रियों के साथ टाटा समूह की एअर इंडिया दूसरे स्थान पर रही है। (प्रेट्र)



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जयपुर से जैसलमेर के लिए सीधी फ्लाइट एक से

नवज्योति, जयपुर। आठ माह के अंतराल के बाद जयपुर और जैसलमेर के बीच सीधी हवाई सेवा फिर शुरू हो रही है। इंडीगो एयरलाइंस एक दिसंबर से इस मार्ग पर अपनी सेवा बहाल करेगी। यह फ्लाइट सुबह 9.35 बजे जयपुर से रवाना होकर सुबह 11.05 बजे जैसलमेर पहुंचेगी।

जैसलमेर से वापसी की फ्लाइट सुबह 11.25 बजे उड़ान भरकर दोपहर 1 बजे जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर लैंड करेगी। इस मार्ग पर एटीआर एयरक्राफ्ट का संचालन होगा, जिसमें 78 यात्री यात्रा कर सकते हैं। यह फ्लाइट रोजाना उपलब्ध रहेगी, जिससे दोनों शहरों के बीच पर्यटन और व्यापार को बढ़ावा मिलेगा।



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Domestic air passenger traffic rises 5.3% to 1.36-crore in Oct

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India's domestic air passenger traffic grew 5.3 per cent to 1.36 crore in October from 1.26 crore in the same month last year, aviation regulator DGCA'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 per cent, followed by Tata Group-run Air India and Vistara, which flew 26.48-lakh and 12.43-lakh travellers, respectively.



During the reporting month, budget carrier IndiGo carried 86.40L passengers

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 during October 2024 stood at 19.4 per cent, while that of Vistara at 9.1 per cent, as per the Directorate General of Civil Aviation data.

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

हवाई यात्रा में दुर्व्यवहार से निपटने को रचनात्मक तरीका अपनाएं

सुप्रीम टिप्पणी

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने मंगलवार को कहा, अनियंत्रित हवाई यात्रियों से निपटने के लिए रचनात्मक तरीका अपनाने की जरूरत है। शीर्ष अदालत ने सरकार के सक्षम प्राधिकार/अधिकारियों को अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानदंडों के मुताबिक मौजूदा हवाई यात्रा के लिए मौजूदा दिशा-निर्देशों की समीक्षा करने और उनमें बदलाव करने पर विचार करने को भी कहा है।

जस्टिस बी.आर. गवई और के.वी. विश्वनाथन की पीठ ने 72 साल की उस महिला की याचिका पर

2022 में एयर इंडिया की फ्लाइट में नशे में एक यात्री ने शौच कर दिया था



यह निर्देश दिया, जिस पर 2022 में एयर इंडिया की अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमान में नशे की हालत में एक सह यात्री ने पेशाब कर दिया था। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने कहा कि इस बारे में कुछ रचनात्मक

मौजूदा निर्देशों की समीक्षा करें

इसके बाद पीठ ने अतिरिक्त सॉलिसिटर जनरल ऐश्वर्या भाटी से संबंधित प्राधिकार/अधिकारियों को अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानदंडों के अनुरूप अनियंत्रित हवाई यात्रियों की समस्या से निपटने को मौजूदा दिशा-निर्देशों की समीक्षा करने और उनमें सुमंचित बदलाव करने का निर्देश देने को कहा। पीठ ने मामले की सुनवाई 8 सप्ताह के लिए स्थगित कर दी।

करना होगा। शायद रणनीतिक सीटिंग या कुछ और। महिला ने सुप्रीम कोर्ट में याचिका दाखिल कर अनियंत्रित और नशे में धुत यात्रियों के दुर्व्यवहार से यात्रियों को होने

जस्टिस विश्वनाथन ने एक घटना का जिक्र किया

जस्टिस विश्वनाथन ने एक घटना जिक्र करते हुए कहा कि वह शीर्ष कोर्ट के साथी जज जस्टिस सूर्यकांत के साथ जिस विमान में यात्रा कर रहे थे, उसमें दो पुरुष यात्री नशे में धुत थे। एक ने खुद को शौचालय में बंद कर लिया, जबकि दूसरा उल्टी की थैली लेकर बाहर चला गया। उन्होंने कहा, चूकि चालक दल में सभी महिला सदस्य थीं, इसलिए उन्होंने शौचालय नहीं खोला और बाद में मेरे एक सह-यात्री को शौचालय खोलना पड़ा।

वाली परेशानी से बचाने के लिए दिशा-निर्देश बनाने की मांग की है। महिला ने पिछले साल मई में यह याचिका सुप्रीम कोर्ट में दाखिल की थी।

इंद्राणी मुखर्जी ने शीर्ष का रुख किया

नई दिल्ली। शीना बोरा हत्याकांड की मुख्य आरोपी पूर्व मीडिया पेशेवर इंद्राणी मुखर्जी ने बॉम्बे हाई कोर्ट के फैसले के खिलाफ सुप्रीम कोर्ट का दरवाजा खटखटाया है। हाई कोर्ट ने उन्हें विदेश यात्रा की अनुमति देने से इनकार कर दिया गया था। एक विशेष अदालत ने 19 जुलाई को इंद्राणी की उस याचिका को स्वीकार कर लिया था, जिसमें उन्होंने अगले तीन महीनों के दौरान अलग-अलग अवधि में 10 दिनों के लिए स्पेन और ब्रिटेन की यात्रा की अनुमति देने का अनुरोध किया था।

सीआईसी में भर्ती प्रक्रिया तेज करें

नई दिल्ली। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने मंगलवार को केंद्र और राज्य सरकारों से केंद्रीय सूचना आयोग (सीआईसी) व राज्य सूचना आयोगों (एसआईसी) में रिक्तियों की भर्ती के लिए उठाए गए कदमों की जानकारी मांगी। साथ ही भर्ती प्रक्रिया तुरंत शुरू करने को कहा। न्यायमूर्ति सूर्यकांत व न्यायमूर्ति उज्ज्वल भुइयां की पीठ ने कहा, खाली पदों को भरने की प्रक्रिया शुरू करने वाले राज्यों को चार सप्ताह में इसे समाप्त करना चाहिए। पीठ ने केंद्र से रिक्तियों को भरने के लिए उठाए कदमों की दो सप्ताह में मांगी।



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Direct China flights blocked by India's tight security check

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For Indians looking to travel to the Middle Kingdom, a direct flight is still some distance.

Despite cooling hostilities, the Indian security establishment is opposed to direct flights that remain suspended since 2020, two people aware of the matter said, given unresolved national security concerns. China has repeatedly pressed for a resumption, including on the sidelines of the recent G20 Summit when Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi met external affairs minister S. Jaishankar.

"Currently, our security establishment is not in favour of resumption of direct flights with China," said a top Indian government official, one of the two people cited above, requesting anonymity.

While resuming direct flights might support the economy and improve people-to-people ties, India's caution aligns with its broader strategy of reducing dependence on Chinese goods and services, emphasizing self-reliance and safeguarding strategic inter-



China has repeatedly pressed for a resumption of flights. **AP**

ests. Since 2020, India has imposed several measures against Chinese entities, including banning Chinese apps, tightening visa protocols, and restricting investments.

Queries emailed to the spokespersons of ministries of home affairs, external affairs, civil aviation, Prime Minister's Office, and the Chinese embassy in New Delhi on Monday remained unanswered.

"The key concern behind the opposition to flight resumption is the trust deficit. The standoff over flight resumption may only end after top-level discussions in the matter," the second person said, also on the condition of anonymity.

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Indian security check averse to resuming direct flights to China

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India-China direct flights stopped in 2020 as countries shut air travel during the covid-19 outbreak. The Indian government decided to not lift the direct flight ban in the wake of the Galwan clash in June 2020 between Indian and Chinese soldiers, where 20 Indian soldiers lost their lives.

The ban on direct flights remains despite India being China's largest trade partner. In FY24, India imported goods worth \$101.75 billion from China, primarily comprising raw materials and minerals, while exports totalled \$16.67 billion, commerce ministry data showed.

India's goods trade deficit with China widened to \$57.83 billion during April-October

from \$51.12 billion a year ago. A trade deficit occurs when a country's imports exceed its exports. In October, the trade deficit stood at \$8.46 billion, up from \$8.27 billion a year ago.

Experts say resuming direct flights will benefit China more, given its trade advantage.

"As of now, the terms of trade between India and China are tilted in favour of China," said Pralok Gupta, associate professor at Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT). "If flight services are resumed, resulting in better business connectivity, the advantages will likely be more in favour of Chinese businesses. However, with the rise of industries such as electronic goods in India, where exports have shown a significant growing trend recently, easier business connectivity through the



Before the suspension, Air India and China Airlines operated over 500 monthly direct flights between India, China. **AP**

resumption of flights would help in the sourcing of raw materials, such as metals and ceramics. This may prove beneficial for our exports to third countries," Gupta added.

Indian traders, on their part, are in favour of resuming direct flights.

"The lack of direct air connectivity between the two countries is posing significant

challenges for Indian traders. Currently, traders are forced to take indirect routes, leading to increased time and costs for reaching key business hubs in China," said Naresh Gupta, president of the Indo-China Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to the suspension, airlines such as Air India, IndiGo and China Airlines operated over 500 monthly direct flights

between India and China. Currently, those travelling to Chinese cities such as Beijing, Shenzhen and Shanghai need to fly via countries such as Hong Kong, Singapore and Dubai, extending travel times by as much as four hours.

"Among the steps discussed were the resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra pilgrimage, data sharing on trans-border rivers, direct flights between India and China and media exchanges," India's external affairs ministry said in a 19 November statement after the Jaishankar-Wang meeting.

The govt decided to not lift the direct flight ban due to the Galwan clash in June 2020 between India and China

This also comes in the backdrop of Indian exporters rerouting critical machinery and materials through Dubai's Jebel Ali port to mitigate disruptions caused by China's export restrictions to India, as reported by *Mint* earlier. China's refusal to provide these equipment and

materials is being seen as a deliberate tactic to stifle India's economic growth.

To bypass these supply chain bottlenecks, Indian importers show Dubai as the import destination, from where they are rerouted to India. However, this rerouting process is resulting in cost and time overrun.

"No doubt, flights between India and China should resume, but not at the cost of the country's security. Exporters and cargo are reaching China via transit routes, and direct flights would save both time and money. Ultimately, it is the supreme authorities who should take the final call," said C.K. Govil, president of the Air Cargo Agents Association of India.

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Airspace, IMD data fuse into Gati Shakti

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The Gati Shakti portal will soon have airspace as well as meteorological data as the civil aviation ministry works on a plan to develop a tool aimed at improving infrastructure planning.

The aviation ministry is working with Gandhinagar-based Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N) to develop the tool, two officials told *Mint*.

The institute specializes in satellite communication, geo-informatics and geospatial technology.

"This integration will add strength to infrastructure planning since air space management and meteorological data are increasingly becoming relevant, more so for aviation-related projects," said the first person cited above, a senior government official who did not want to be identified.

The official added that this integration will also help improve planning of infrastructure creation around airports.

In December 2023, a heavy-duty crane being used in the



Aviation ministry is developing the tool with Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics

construction of an expressway caused interference with the signals of the instrument landing system (ILS), which led an incoming aircraft to make a deviated landing at IGI airport in Delhi.

The aircraft landed 10-20 ft away from the centre line of the runway, sparking safety concerns. The crane which was being used by the National Highway Authority of India, had caused a "serious collision risk for low-flying aircraft."

The height of the crane—they can be up to 265 feet, or 80 metres—and its position near the path of the landing plane caused the interference.

The proposed integration will also help improve planning of infrastructure creation around airports

To be sure this was a one-off incident.

An ILS helps pilots land safely in poor visibility and is an important navigation system during extreme weather conditions where visibility can drop to zero.

"This tool will also help address such problems that the sector faced last year," the sec-

ond official said, also on condition of anonymity.

Emails sent to the aviation ministry and BISAG-N did not elicit a response till print time.

Analysts believe a holistic approach is needed to integrate IMD and others.

"This can be structured on the lines of the Weather Channel or the British Met Office, where weather as a service (WaaS) is sold on commercial terms. WaaS can be sold to Indian airlines and aircraft owners as the country's total fleet strength is around 2,000. India, since the 1980s, has possessed the most advanced real-time satellite weather-gathering capabilities, and making it available for infrastructure planning is a good step," said Mark Martin, founder & CEO of Martin Consulting.

PM Gati Shakti is a digital platform that brings 16 ministries together for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects.

The government is also working to provide Gati Shakti platform to the private sector, and to friendly neighbour countries in a move that could aid the platform's acceptance.

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AIR INDIA URINATION

SC asks Centre, DGCA to come up with 'creative norms' to tackle issues

MPOST BUREAU

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the Centre and aviation regulator DGCA to frame more comprehensive guidelines to control unruly air passengers and observed "something creative" had to be done.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan was hearing a plea filed by a 73-year-old woman, on whom a male co-passenger allegedly urinated in an inebriated condition on board an Air India flight in November, 2022.

The septuagenarian sought directions to the Centre, the

Judge shares his own experience about encountering a similar incident while travelling once

DGCA and all the air carriers to frame a standard operating procedure (SOP) to deal with similar incidents.

The bench, hearing the plea, asked Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati to instruct the authorities concerned to examine and suitably modify the existing guidelines on unruly passengers, in line with

the international norms.

Interestingly, Justice Viswanathan shared his own experience while travelling with Justice Surya Kant when they encountered a similar incident.

"We had a recent experience. Two passengers were fully drunk. One went to the washroom and slept off. The other one who was outside had a bag to vomit. The crew was all women and for about 30 to 35 minutes no one could open the door. The crew then requested my co-passenger to open the door and take him out to the seat. It was a 2.40 hour-long flight," he said.

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Air India urination case: Modify the guidelines for unruly air passengers, SC tells authorities

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the aviation authorities to consider modifying the existing guidelines to conform with the international norms to deal with unruly air passengers, saying that something creative will have to be done.

A bench of Justice B.R. Gavai and Justice K.V. Viswanathan asked the Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, who was appearing for the Central government, to instruct the authorities to examine and suitably modify the guidelines on unruly passengers in line with international norms. The top court's suggestion came in the course of the hearing of a plea by a woman passenger, who was urinated upon in a New York-Delhi Air India flight on 26 November 2022 by an allegedly



in ebriated passenger, seeking direction to DGCA and all airlines to frame mandatory SoP and zero tolerance rules to deal with unruly passengers and on-board sufferers.

The petitioner Hema Rajaraman has sought direction to the DGCA to include in the Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) an explicit zero-tolerance policy with respect to "unruly/disruptive behaviour", which would mandate reporting such incidents to aviation regulator and also to law enforcement agencies, failing which action would be taken against the airlines in all cases.



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Pilots 'forget' to apply brake, plane rolls back at parking bay

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New Delhi: A Singapore Airlines (SIA) Airbus A380 rolled back after docking at a parking bay in IGI Airport on Monday night as the pilots allegedly forgot to apply the parking brake. Luckily, it did not hit any other plane or vehicle and the pilots quickly realised the mistake and applied the brake.

The world's biggest double-decker commercial aircraft had landed at the Delhi airport from Singapore around 8pm. "The parking bay has a slight slope to ensure water flows out towards the apron during rain. After docking at the parking bay, the aircraft rolled back at 8.14pm. Then the pilots applied the parking brake," said airport sources.

Comments from SIA were awaited till the time of going to press.

An aircraft parking brake, also known as hand brake or emergency brake, is a critical safety feature that prevents an aircraft from moving when it's parked. It's a lever in the cockpit that's usually located near the main control panel or pedals. The standard operating procedure states that when an aircraft stops at a bay, the parking brake is set and the engines are shut down. After that, engineering staffers place aircraft chocks, triangular blocks in front of and behind the wheels. Only after that the parking brakes are released.

This is at least the second rare instance witnessed at IGIA in the past two months. On Oct 5, the pilots of an Oman Air aircraft had allegedly started an engine when the aerobridge and the bulk loader used for baggage loading-unloading were connected to the Boeing 737. There was no injury, but the baggage on trolleys near the started engine went flying away, said sources. The boarding for the Delhi-Muscat flight was yet to begin. Sources said that for snag rectification, the pilots had started the engine without clearance.