

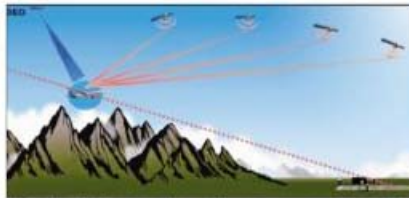
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TIMES OF INDIA

DELHI

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Desi Gagan enables 1st satellite-guided jet landing in India



Jointly developed by Isro and AAI, India's SBAS Gagan positions India as one of the few countries worldwide with its own SBAS capability

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New Delhi: In a major safety enhancing move, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Thursday got a "satellite-based landing system (SLS)" approach conducted for the first time on a jet engine aircraft in India.

The regulator got the flight operated on an IndiGo Airbus A320 in Udaipur using Isro and Airport Authority of India's satellite-based navigation system Gagan (GPS-aided geo augmented navigation). Jet engine planes have jumped on the bandwagon a few years after a turboprop ATR had done so.

SLS is seen as a game-changer in terms of enhancing safety at secondary airports that do not have expensive instrument landing system (ILS) installed, as it allows the use of new satellite navigation technologies to perform approaches. SLS first entered service in Europe with the A350 in 2015.

Officials in the know say the IndiGo Airbus flight to Udaipur was "another significant milestone in advancing satellite-based navigation in India by successfully conducting a localiser performance with vertical guidance (LPV) approach."

IndiGo had introduced LPV operations on its ATR fleet in 2022 and has now expanded "satellite-based augmentation system" (SBAS) enabled operations across its fleet.

Jointly developed by Isro and AAI, India's SBAS Gagan provides the coverage needed for LPV procedures across Indian airspace and positions India as one of the few countries worldwide with its own SBAS capability.

As more airports adopt LPV procedures and more airlines equip their aircraft with SBAS capability, Gagan is expected to play a central role in the future of Indian aviation by making air travel safer, more efficient and accessible.

"For decades, aircraft have relied on ground-based navigation systems to guide pilots safely to the runway, especially during poor weather or low visibility. SBAS... enhances accuracy, integrity, and availability of standard GNSS signals by broadcasting correction data from geostationary satellites. Instead of depending solely on equipment installed at airports, SBAS allows pilots to receive precise horizontal and vertical guidance while approaching the runway, even at airports that do not have conventional precision landing systems..." said a senior pilot.



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DECCAN CHRONICAL

HYDERABAD

27 JUNE 2026

GMR adds Nagpur airport to portfolio

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HYDERABAD, JUNE 26

GMR Airports Limited has taken over the operations of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport in Nagpur under a 30-year concession agreement, increasing its airport portfolio to seven.

According to the concession agreement, GMR Nagpur International Airport Limited (GNIAL) will have to enhance the airport's capacity to serve up to 30 million passengers annually while creating a future-ready aviation ecosystem.

The GNIAL will undertake a phased modernisation and expansion programme, including development of a modern integrated terminal, expansion

of airside infrastructure, enhanced cargo facilities, digital technologies and sustainability-led initiatives.

G.B.S. Raju, the chairman of GMR Airports, said, "The handover of Nagpur Airport marks a significant milestone in its transformation into a world-class aviation hub."

Nagpur's central location offers a natural advantage to evolve into a key domestic and international transfer hub. The company operates across India and abroad, including Delhi, Hyderabad, Goa (Mopa), Nagpur, Bidar, Medan (Indonesia), and extends support to Mactan Cebu, also developing two greenfield airports in Bhogapuram (Andhra Pradesh) and Crete (Greece).



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DECCAN HERALD

BANGLORE

27 JUNE 2026

KIA sees three wildlife smuggling cases in three months

Permanent team of Forest dept deployed at airport

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In the last three months, Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) saw three cases of wildlife smuggling - all from Bangkok, Thailand.

In comparison, during the same period last year, between April and June 2025, the airport witnessed six cases of wildlife smuggling.

"So far, in June, we have not had any case of wildlife smuggling. We have noticed that wildlife smuggling cases have slowed down in the past few months. Especially since we

partnered with the Karnataka Forest Department earlier this year in January to deploy a permanent team of forest officials to work alongside Customs at the Bengaluru airport," a senior customs official told *DH*, adding that in addition to heightened vigilance, the team was also investigating wildlife smuggling rackets in and around the city.

In 2025-26, the airport saw 20 wildlife import cases in total, a majority from Thailand.

"Sometimes, even though the handlers land from other southeast Asian countries like Malaysia, after investigation,



One of the Blue Iguanas siezed in April.

PHOTOS: CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT

we have been able to track their origin destination to Thailand. Earlier this year, we also held a meeting with the Thai Consul General to highlight our concerns about the increasing number of wildlife and narcotics smuggling cases from Thailand," he added.

Among the three cases this financial year, the largest consignment was seized on April 23. The accused, a 41-year-old



Green tree pythons seized as a part of a larger consignment in April.

woman from Tumakuru, was caught carrying huge quantities of 20 different species, mostly reptiles. The consignment included six ball pythons, 20 Ouachita map turtles, 51 blue iguanas, 45 red-eared slider turtles, and seven American five-lined skinks, among other species. Overall, the seizure included about 360 wild



A Goeldi's marmoset is a small monkey found predominantly in the South American continent.

animals, one of which was found dead.

"In comparison to some of the seizures we've done in recent years, this is not a big one. There have been instances where we have seized over 3,000 turtles in one instance. The handlers don't bother concealing these animals. Since these are small animals,

they just carry them in their checked-in baggage," added the official.

The second smuggling attempt was carried out by a 20-year-old man from JP Nagar on May 15. This consignment included six Argentine black-and-white tegus, 18 African spurred tortoises, two Goeldi's marmosets, 10 red-footed tortoises, one yellow-cheeked gibbon, and 10 Indonesian blue-tongued skinks.

The latest seizure was carried out on May 28 — involving a Canary winged parakeet (dead), 2 Senegal parrots, and 4 Albino tree shrews.

The illegally imported wildlife is immediately returned to the country of origin once a case is booked against the accused under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. In the past three months, the airport has seen no cases of illegal wildlife export.



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HINDU

CHENNAI

27 JUNE 2026



GMR Airports takes over operations of Nagpur airport

Airport developer GMR Airports Ltd. took over the operations of Nagpur's Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport on Friday. "The first phase will focus on expanding the passenger terminal to accommodate three million travellers annually, ensuring a seamless and efficient travel experience," chairman, GMR Airports, GBS Raju was quoted in a press statement. Future phases aim at raising the airport's capacity to serve up to 30 million passengers annually, backed by extensive airside infrastructure upgrades, including the construction of a new Air Traffic Control tower. The airport will feature a state-of-the-art cargo terminal with an annual handling capacity of 20,000 metric tonne. GMR Nagpur International Airport Ltd. (GNIAL) signed a 30-year concession agreement in November 2024 with MIHAN India Ltd. to operate, manage, develop and modernise the airport.

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PUNJAB KESARI

DELHI

28 JUNE 2026

दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर आतंकवाद-रोधी मॉक ड्रिल, परखी आपातकालीन तैयारियां

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर विमानन सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को और मजबूत बनाने तथा किसी भी संभावित आतंकवादी खतरे से निपटने की तैयारियों का आकलन करने के लिए शनिवार को बहु-एजेंसी आतंकवाद-रोधी मॉक ड्रिल आयोजित की गई। बीएसएफ हंगर परिसर में हुए इस संयुक्त अभ्यास में विभिन्न सुरक्षा और आपातकालीन एजेंसियों के 183 अधिकारियों और कर्मियों ने हिस्सा लिया। मॉक ड्रिल का उद्देश्य सुरक्षा प्रोटोकॉल की प्रभावशीलता की जांच करना, विभिन्न एजेंसियों के बीच समन्वय बढ़ाना और वास्तविक आपात स्थिति में त्वरित एवं प्रभावी प्रतिक्रिया को परखना था।

अभ्यास के दौरान संभावित आतंकवादी हमले की स्थिति तैयार कर सुरक्षा बलों की त्वरित कार्रवाई, यात्रियों को सुरक्षित निकालने, क्षेत्र की घेराबंदी, संदिग्ध वस्तुओं की जांच, बम निरोधक कार्रवाई और आपातकालीन चिकित्सा सहायता जैसी प्रक्रियाओं का अभ्यास किया गया। इस संयुक्त अभ्यास में केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (सीआईएसएफ), दिल्ली पुलिस, राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा गार्ड (एनएसजी), बम निरोधक एवं निपटान दस्ता, नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए), दिल्ली अग्निशमन सेवा, मेदांता



अस्पताल के चिकित्सा प्रतिनिधियों तथा एयरपोर्ट से जुड़े अन्य हितधारकों ने भागीदारी की। सीआईएसएफ ने सोशल मीडिया मंच 'एक्स' पर बताया कि अभ्यास के माध्यम से सभी एजेंसियों के बीच समन्वित प्रतिक्रिया तंत्र और परिचालन तैयारियों का आकलन किया। ड्रिल के दौरान निर्धारित आपातकालीन प्रक्रियाओं के अनुसार एजेंसियों ने समन्वित तरीके से कार्रवाई की, जिससे आपसी तालमेल और संकट से निपटने की क्षमता और मजबूत हुई। पूरे अभ्यास का संचालन डिप्टी कमांडेंट पी.एस. राठौर और डिप्टी कमांडेंट धर्मवीर साई के नेतृत्व में किया गया।



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RAJASTHAN PATRIKA

JAIPUR

26 JUNE 2026

जयपुर में एयरपोर्ट सिटी बनाएगा अदाणी

मुंबई @ पत्रिका . देश में आठ हवाई अड्डों का संचालन कर रहे अदाणी समूह ने जयपुर समेत छह हवाई अड्डों के आसपास 655 एकड़ जमीन पर आधुनिकतम एयरपोर्ट सिटी बनाने की घोषणा की है। इसके लिए कंपनी की प्रारंभिक तौर पर 20000 करोड़ रुपये निवेश की योजना है। एयरपोर्ट सिटी में होटल, दुकानें, शॉपिंग मॉल, कॉर्पोरेट ऑफिस, मनोरंजन केंद्र, कॉन्फ्रेंस और प्रदर्शनी स्थल,

रेस्टोरेंट, बिजनेस पार्क और अन्य लाइफ स्टाइल सुविधाएं मौजूद होंगी और जहां लोग पैदल चलते हुए इन सुविधाओं का लाभ ले सकेंगे। अदाणी समूह के जीत अदाणी ने यह घोषणा करते हुए कहा कि हवाई अड्डों के पास इस परियोजना से निवेश, रोजगार और शहरी विकास को बढ़ावा मिलेगा। जयपुर के अलावा मुंबई, नवी मुंबई, अहमदाबाद, लखनऊ और गुवाहाटी में एयरपोर्ट सिटी बनेंगी।

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ASIAN AGE

DELHI

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Kedarnath copter services suspended

Operations paused for monsoon

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DEHRADUN, JULY 27

The Kedarnath helicopter service for the Char Dham Yatra has been suspended ahead of the monsoon season, as the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has refused to extend permission for operations beyond June 25.

Officials of the Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA) said the decision to suspend heli services for the Char Dham pilgrimage during the monsoon was taken in view of multiple mishaps reported during the 2025 pilgrimage season. These incidents had brought disrepute to the state government and agencies operating helicopter services to Kedarnath.

Officials added that the DGCA has directed that

helicopter services for Char Dham pilgrims will resume in September, after the monsoon season ends.

It is notable that helicopter services for the Char Dham pilgrimage began with the opening of the Kedarnath Dham portals on April 22 for the current season. Services were launched after UCADA selected eight operators through a detailed tendering process. Flights were operated from Guptkashi, Sirsi, and Phata helipads in Rudraprayag district.

Operators including Rajas Aerosports, Trans Bharat Aviation, United Heli Charters, Himalayan Heli Services, Pilgrimage Aviation, Arrow Aircraft, Chipson Aviation, and Thumbay Aviation conducted over 11,800 shuttle flights between April 22 and June 25, 2026.

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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

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DGCA visits Boeing facility in US to review AI B787 fuel control switch

UNDER THE LENS. Inspection follows Feb 2 grounding of Air India 787-VT-ANX over fuel control switch issue

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

A team from India's aviation safety regulator visited a Boeing facility in the US earlier this month to inspect the fuel control switch system installed on one of Air India's Boeing 787 aircraft, sources have confirmed.

Speaking to *businessline*, sources said officials from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) travelled to one of Boeing's manufacturing facilities as part of an ongoing inspection process involving the fuel control switch system.

"In early June, a DGCA team visited one of the manufacturing facilities of the OEM (Boeing). The team was in the US at the OEM's facility," sources said.

A summary of the analysis carried out during the visit is still awaited from Boeing.



FLEET REVIEW. Last year, the DGCA had directed all airlines to inspect the locking mechanism on several Boeing aircraft models

Requests of this nature are consistent with international practice, where regulators seek additional analytical data to strengthen process documentation rather than to address a safety concern.

AWAITING REPORT

"The final report on the matter is awaited, since more detailed analytical data is required," they said. "These (data points) will be submitted by the OEM."

When *businessline* reached out to Boeing for comment, the company said that it

would defer to the DGCA.

Meanwhile, the DGCA, the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Air India did not respond to queries on the matter.

The visit by the DGCA team follows an occurrence involving Air India Boeing 787-8 aircraft VT-ANX, which was grounded on February 2, 2026, after operating flight AI132 from London Heathrow to Bengaluru.

As per the Pilot Defect Report, the left fuel control switch (FCS) was observed to slip from "run" to "cutoff" when pushed slightly and did not lock positively in the se-

lected position. Subsequently, Air India carried out inspection and functional testing of the fuel control switches, in accordance with the procedures prescribed by Boeing, in the presence of DGCA officials.

Upon reviewing the inspection findings and supporting evidence, Boeing concluded that the fuel control switch was mechanically functioning as designed and considered the unit serviceable.

Thereafter, the DGCA directed Air India that the involved fuel control switch be inspected at the original equipment manufacturer's facility in the presence of its officers as part of the continued airworthiness assessment of the component.

Last year, the regulator had directed all airlines to inspect the locking mechanism on several Boeing aircraft models, following the fatal

crash of Air India Flight 171.

THE DIRECTIVE

Notably, the regulator had asked all the airline operators to submit inspection reports by July 21, 2025.

The directive was based on a 2018 safety bulletin issued by the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which warned of the potential disengagement of this locking feature.

While the FAA advisory had not been deemed mandatory at the time, it flagged safety concerns on multiple Boeing models, including the 737 and 787 series.

The heightened scrutiny followed preliminary findings from the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau, which revealed that both fuel control switches on AI171 had slipped from "run" to "cutoff" just seconds after the aircraft reached its peak speed of 180 knots.

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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

27 JUNE 2026

Air India may restore some services as W. Asia crisis eases: CEO

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

Air India may gradually restore some of the international services it had curtailed in recent months as tensions in West Asia ease and jet fuel prices moderate, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Campbell Wilson said.

In an internal memo to employees, Wilson said a more stable operating environment had allowed additional airspace to reopen while international fuel prices had declined significantly.

"Should this trend continue, we may be able to wind

back some of the schedule reductions we had undertaken in recent months," Wilson said.

Earlier, Air India had rationalised services on select international routes between June and August 2026 owing to continued airspace restrictions over certain regions and record high jet fuel prices for international operations.

NETWORK STABILITY

The airline had said that the adjustments were aimed at improving network stability and reducing last-minute inconvenience to passengers while continuing to operate more than 1,200 international flights every month

across five continents.

Besides, Wilson said the airline had begun witnessing encouraging improvement in customer experience following the induction of retrofitted Boeing 787 aircraft into service.

As per the airline, customer net promoter score (NPS) on the two retrofitted Boeing 787 aircraft currently in operation had improved by more than 70 points compared with non-retrofitted aircraft, rising from minus 31 to plus 43.

CABIN COMFORT

In addition, customer satisfaction scores across cabin comfort, ambience, inflight entertainment and meals



Campbell Wilson, CEO & MD

had increased from around 2.7 out of five to 4.1.

Wilson said another Boeing 787-8 aircraft is currently undergoing retrofit while around eight additional new or retrofitted wide-body aircraft, including a new Boeing

787-9 arriving this weekend, are expected to enter service this year.

Further, the airline recorded its highest-ever operational performance during June, with overall on-time performance improving to 86 per cent and domestic on-time performance reaching a record 90 per cent.

According to Wilson, while the temporarily reduced schedule and favourable weather conditions contributed to the improvement, ongoing enhancement in aircraft health, operational systems and procedures had also strengthened operational resilience.

On the network front, he

said that Air India recently commenced its four-times-weekly non-stop Mumbai-Tokyo Haneda service, complementing its existing daily Delhi-Tokyo Haneda operations.

Meanwhile, Air India Express, Wilson pointed out, will become the first airline to operate an international passenger flight from the Navi Mumbai International Airport with services to Abu Dhabi commencing next month.

Additionally, the airline will launch direct services from Guwahati to Dubai and Abu Dhabi in August while also introducing a domestic route between Pune and Amritsar.

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DAINIK BHASKAR

DELHI

28 JUNE 2026

पोरबंदर को देश के प्रमुख आर्थिक केंद्रों के साथ सीधी-तेज कनेक्टिविटी मिलेगी पोरबंदर से अहमदाबाद और मुंबई के बीच हवाई सेवा बहाल, 72 सीटर फ्लाइट शुरू

भास्कर न्यूज | पोरबंदर

पोरबंदर के सर्वांगीण विकास को गति देने के लिए एलायंस एयर द्वारा मुंबई-पोरबंदर-केशोद-अहमदाबाद और वापसी रूट पर नई हवाई सेवा का शुभारंभ किया गया है। इस नई सुविधा से पोरबंदर को देश के प्रमुख आर्थिक केंद्रों के साथ सीधी और तेज कनेक्टिविटी मिलेगी, जो जिले के आधुनिकीकरण में एक महत्वपूर्ण मील का पत्थर साबित होगी। पोरबंदर में दो महीने बाद फिर से हवाई कनेक्टिविटी शुरू होने से शहरवासियों को नई सुविधा मिली है।

वन एवं पर्यावरण मंत्री अर्जुनभाई मोढवाडिया सहित अन्य गणमान्य लोगों की उपस्थिति में एयरपोर्ट पर पहली फ्लाइट का गर्मजोशी से स्वागत किया गया। पहली यात्रा कर रहे यात्रियों का मंत्री और अन्य नेताओं ने पुष्पगुच्छ भेंट कर स्वागत किया और उन्हें शुभकामनाएं दीं। साथ ही उनकी यात्रा सुखद रहने की कामना भी व्यक्त की गई। इस नई कनेक्टिविटी से पोरबंदर के उद्योग, व्यापार, शिक्षा और स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र को नई दिशा मिलेगी। यह फ्लाइट सप्ताह में दो दिन-गुरुवार और शनिवार को उपलब्ध रहेगी। एयरपोर्ट पर आयोजित कार्यक्रम में प्रथम मेयर सागर मोदी, जिला पंचायत अध्यक्ष शीतलबेन ओडेदरा, कलेक्टर एस. डी. धानाणी, कमिश्नर हसमुख प्रजापति, एसपी भीरथसिंह जाडेजा, पूर्व कैबिनेट मंत्री बाबूभाई बोखीरिया सहित कई गणमान्य उपस्थित रहे।



70 दिनों बाद फिर से हवाई कनेक्टिविटी शुरू

पोरबंदर एयरपोर्ट पर पहले पोरबंदर-मुंबई फ्लाइट 18 अप्रैल को बंद कर दी गई थी। अब 27 जून को दोबारा फ्लाइट शुरू होने से 70 दिनों बाद पोरबंदर एयरपोर्ट पर हवाई सेवा फिर से शुरू हुई है। पहले फ्लाइट बंद होने के कारण जिले के यात्रियों को मजबूरन निजी बसों और ट्रेनों से यात्रा करनी पड़ती थी।



भास्कर इनसाइट

कोरोना काल के बाद पहली बार अहमदाबाद कनेक्टिविटी, लेकिन किराया हुआ महंगा पोरबंदर एयरपोर्ट पर कोरोना काल से पहले पोरबंदर-अहमदाबाद फ्लाइट संचालित होती थी, जिसका किराया 700 रुपये से 3000 रुपये के बीच था। कोरोना काल के दौरान यह फ्लाइट सेवा बंद कर दी गई थी। इसके बाद शनिवार को पहली बार फिर से पोरबंदर से अहमदाबाद की कनेक्टिविटी शुरू हुई है। हालांकि, पहले की तुलना में इस फ्लाइट के टिकट का किराया बढ़ गया है। वर्तमान में पोरबंदर से अहमदाबाद का किराया 3000 से 5000 रुपये के बीच है।



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MUMBAI

27 JUNE 2026

Airline losses may hit ₹38K cr in FY27

Ratings agency ICRA on Friday revised upwards its net loss estimate for domestic carriers to a steep ₹36,000-38,000 crore for the current fiscal, driven by rising costs due to the rupee's depreciation against the US dollar, elevated jet fuel prices and an expected increase in lease rentals amid continued aircraft deliveries.

The agency also lowered its forecast for both domestic and international passenger traffic for the current fiscal, citing the impact of the West Asian conflict, which has pushed up airfares due to rising operating costs and is expected to curb discretionary spending amid higher inflation. For FY2027, losses were earlier projected

to narrow to ₹11,000-12,000 crore, supported by improving passenger traffic. However, the outlook has since weakened, ICRA said.

The Indian aviation industry is estimated to have posted a net loss of ₹32,000-34,000 crore in FY2026, significantly higher than ICRA's earlier estimate of ₹17,000-18,000 crore.

According to ICRA, this is mainly due to foreign exchange losses arising from the sharp depreciation of the rupee, slower passenger traffic growth and higher aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices following the rise in crude oil prices amid the West Asian conflict towards the end of the previous fiscal.

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HINDUSTAN

DELHI

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दिल्ली से रायपुर जा रही उड़ान लखनऊ डायवर्ट

सरोजनीनगर (लखनऊ)। रायपुर में शनिवार को अचानक मौसम खराब हो गया, जिसका असर हवाई सेवाओं पर रहा। इस वजह से दिल्ली से रायपुर जा रही इंडिगो की एक उड़ान को लखनऊ एयरपोर्ट पर डायवर्ट करना पड़ा। मौसम ठीक होने पर विमान को रायपुर के लिए स्वाना कर दिया गया। इस दौरान फ्लाइट में मौजूद 289 यात्रियों को परेशानी झेलनी पड़ी।

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MILLANIUM POST

KOLKATA

27 JUNE 2026

'Domestic carriers losses may soar to ₹38K cr in FY27 on INR decline'

OUR CORRESPONDENT

MUMBAI: Ratings agency ICRA on Friday revised upward the net loss for domestic carriers at a monumental Rs 36,000-38,000 crore for this fiscal on the back of increased costs, driven by depreciation of the INR against the US Dollar, elevated jet fuel prices and an anticipated rise in lease rentals owing to continued aircraft deliveries.

The ratings agency also downgraded its forecast for both domestic and international traffic for the current fiscal year, reflecting the impact of the West Asian conflict, which has resulted in a hike in fares due to the cost escalations for the airlines and the anticipated curtailment of discretionary spending because of increased inflation.

For FY27, while losses were earlier projected to narrow to Rs 11,000-12,000 crore, supported by an improvement in passenger traffic, the outlook has since deteriorated, ICRA said.

The Indian aviation industry is estimated to have reported a net loss of Rs 32,000-34,000 crore in FY26 much higher than ICRA's earlier estimates of Rs 17,000-18,000 crore, it said.

This is primarily on account of the forex losses arising from the sharp depreciation of the INR, moderation in passenger traffic growth and an increase in ATF prices following the rise in crude oil prices amid the West Asian conflict towards the end of the previous fiscal, ICRA said.

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subdued air passenger traffic growth in FY27," it said.

Additionally, increased costs due to depreciation of the INR against the US Dollar, elevated ATF prices and an anticipated rise in lease rentals owing to continued aircraft deliveries have collectively led ICRA to "revise its FY27 net loss forecasts upwards to Rs 36,000-38,000 crore, as these cost escalations may not be adequately passed on by way of fare hikes," the ratings agency stated.

The ATF prices announced on June 1, 2026, remained unchanged on a sequential basis but increased by 26.9 per cent on a YoY basis, ICRA said and added that for the first quarter of the ongoing fiscal, the ATF prices are higher by 22.8 per

cent on a YoY basis.

The ratings agency also forecast domestic air passenger traffic to grow 11.3 per cent year-on-year to 1.56 crore in May from 1.40 crore in the corresponding month of last year, supported by a favourable base, while the international air passenger traffic for Indian carriers grew by 3.9 per cent to 350 lakh in the previous financial year.

Despite the growth in May 2026, which was supported by a favourable base, given the demand disruption in the same month of last year following the Pahalgam attack and the subsequent military conflict between India and Pakistan, ICRA said it has revised its forecasts for the domestic air passenger traffic growth downwards to 3-6 per cent, from its earlier projections of 6-8 per cent.

International air passenger traffic for Indian carriers witnessed a sharp decline of 39 per cent year-on-year in April 2026 due to disruptions arising from the West Asian conflict, the ratings agency said and added that it has also revised downwards its international air passenger traffic growth (for Indian carriers) forecasts to 0-3 per cent from 8-10 per cent projected earlier.

The airlines' capacity deployment in May 2026 increased by 5.1 per cent YoY and 6.6 per cent on a sequential basis. It is estimated that the domestic aviation industry operated at a passenger load factor of 88.8 per cent in the previous month compared to 83.9 per cent in the same month of last year, and 82 in April 2026.

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NAVBHARAT TIMES

DELHI

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15 सितंबर तक बंद रहेगी केदारनाथ में हेलिकॉप्टर सर्विस

■ NBT रिपोर्ट, देहरादून: उत्तराखंड में मॉनसून की संभावित दस्तक और केदारघाटी में मौसम खराब होने की आशंका को देखते हुए डीजीसीए ने केदारनाथ हेली सेवाओं

**खराब
मौसम को
देखते हुए
लिया गया है
फैसला**



पर 15 सितंबर तक रोक लगा दी है। इस साल 22 अप्रैल को बाबा केदारनाथ धाम की यात्रा शुरू होने के साथ ही शटल हेलीकॉप्टर सेवाओं का संचालन भी शुरू हुआ था।

पहले चरण में 22 अप्रैल से 15 जून तक के लिए हेली टिकटों की बुकिंग की गई थी। मॉनसून में देरी होने के कारण दूसरे चरण में सेवाओं को 16 जून से 25 जून तक बढ़ाया गया। 22 अप्रैल से 25 जून तक यात्रा अवधि के दौरान 11,800 से अधिक शटल उड़ानें संचालित की गईं। इस दौरान 1.37 लाख से अधिक श्रद्धालुओं ने हेलीकॉप्टर के जरिए धाम की यात्रा की। यूकाडा के CEO प्रतीक जैन ने बताया कि खराब मौसम की आशंका को देखते हुए सेवाओं के संचालन की अवधि आगे नहीं बढ़ाई गई है।

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PIONEER

LUCKNOW

27 JUNE 2026

Airlines may post ₹36,000-38,000 cr loss in FY27: ICRA

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

■ Mumbai

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SWATANTRA BHARAT

LUCKNOW

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भारतीय एयरलाइन कंपनियों को 38,000 करोड़ रुपये के रिकॉर्ड घाटे का अनुमान, क्या और महंगे होंगे टिकट?

नई दिल्ली। भारत का विमानन क्षेत्र इन दिनों भारी आर्थिक दबाव और अस्थिरता के दौर से गुजर रहा है। रेटिंग एजेंसी इका (आईसीआरए) ने चालू वित्त वर्ष (FY2027) के लिए घरेलू एयरलाइंस के शुद्ध घाटे का अनुमान बढ़ाकर 36,000 से 38,000 करोड़ रुपये के रिकॉर्ड स्तर पर कर दिया है। डॉलर के मुकाबले रुपये की कमजोरी, महंगे जेट ईंधन (एटीएफ) और पश्चिम एशियाई संकट ने इस उद्योग की वित्तीय स्थिति को बुरी तरह प्रभावित किया है। आइए आसान भाषा में समझते हैं कि एविएशन सेक्टर इतने भारी घाटे में क्यों जा रहा है और इसका भविष्य पर क्या असर होगा।

एयरलाइंस के घाटे में इतनी बड़ी बढ़ोतरी की वजह क्या है?

आईसीआरए के अनुसार, पहले यह अनुमान था कि बेहतर यात्री यातायात के दम पर स्रद्धा2027 में एयरलाइंस का घाटा सिमटकर 11,000-



12,000 करोड़ रुपये रह जाएगा, लेकिन अब हालात बदल गए हैं। इतने बड़े घाटे के मुख्य कारण निम्नलिखित हैं- रुपये में गिरावट- अमेरिकी डॉलर के मुकाबले भारतीय रुपये के कमजोर होने से एयरलाइंस को भारी विदेशी मुद्रा (फॉरेक्स) नुकसान उठाना पड़ रहा है। लीज रेंटल का बढ़ता बोझ- एयरलाइंस को नए विमानों की डिलीवरी लगातार मिल रही है, जिससे

उनके पट्टे (लीज) का किराया भी काफी बढ़ गया है। लागत और किराये का असंतुलन- कंपनियों की परिचालन लागत तेजी से बढ़ी है, लेकिन वे पूरी तरह से इस भारी भरकम खर्च का बोझ किराए में बढ़ोतरी के जरिए यात्रियों पर नहीं डाल सकती। इससे पहले, पिछले वित्त वर्ष में भी भारतीय एविएशन इंडस्ट्री का कुल घाटा अनुमानित 17,000-18,000 करोड़ रुपये से कहीं अधिक

32,000-34,000 करोड़ रुपये रहा था।
पश्चिम एशियाई संकट से हवाई यातायात पर क्या असर पड़ा?

फरवरी 2026 के अंत से शुरू हुए पश्चिम एशियाई संकट ने एविएशन सेक्टर की मुश्किलें और बढ़ा दी हैं। इस विवाद के चलते कच्चे तेल के दाम बढ़े हैं, जिसका सीधा असर एयरलाइंस की लागत और किरायों पर पड़ा है। किराए बढ़ने और बढ़ती महंगाई के कारण लोगों ने गैर-जरूरी खर्चों में कटौती की है, जिससे हवाई सफर करने वालों की संख्या पर भी नकारात्मक असर दिख रहा है।

यात्री यातायात (पैसेंजर ट्रैफिक) को लेकर क्या है नया अनुमान?
हवाई सफर करने वालों की घटती संख्या को देखते हुए रेटिंग एजेंसी ने अपने ट्रैफिक ग्रोथ अनुमानों में बड़ी कटौती की है- घरेलू ट्रैफिक- चालू वित्त वर्ष में घरेलू यात्रियों की वृद्धि दर का अनुमान 6-8 प्रतिशत

से घटाकर 3-6 प्रतिशत कर दिया गया है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय ट्रैफिक- पश्चिम एशियाई विवाद के कारण अप्रैल 2026 में भारतीय एयरलाइंस के अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्री यातायात में सालाना आधार पर 39 प्रतिशत की भारी गिरावट दर्ज की गई। इसके चलते चालू वित्त वर्ष के लिए इसके ग्रोथ अनुमान को भी 8-10 प्रतिशत से घटाकर मात्र 0-3 प्रतिशत कर दिया गया है। हालांकि, मई 2026 में %फेवरेबल बेस% के कारण घरेलू ट्रैफिक में 11.3% की बढ़ोतरी हुई और यह 1.56 करोड़ रहा। पिछले साल इसी महीने में पहलगाम हमले और भारत-पाकिस्तान सैन्य संघर्ष के कारण यात्रा मांग बुरी तरह प्रभावित हुई थी। वहीं, मई 2026 में घरेलू विमानन उद्योग का पैसेंजर लोड फैक्टर 88.8 प्रतिशत रहा, जो पिछले साल के इसी महीने में 83.9 प्रतिशत था।

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TIMES OF INDIA

DELHI

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Airlines not liable for delays due to bad weather: Gujarat consumer panel

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: Airlines cannot be held responsible for flight delays caused by circumstances beyond their control, Gujarat Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has held, dismissing an appeal for compensation against Air India over a flight diversion due to dense fog at Delhi airport.

The complainants, Kirit and Sonal Trivedi, were travelling from Ahmedabad to Colombo via Delhi on Nov 6, 2016. However, due to fog and near-zero visibility at Delhi airport, the aircraft was diverted to Jaipur. It reached the capital several hours later, causing them to miss their onward flight.

The couple unsuccessfully sued the airlines with Ahmedabad District Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission



A couple approached the panel after missing their flight to Colombo, as their Air India plane was diverted due to near-zero visibility in Delhi

for the financial losses suffered as they lost a day of sight-seeing under a tour package and could not utilise a non-refundable resort booking. They also questioned the airline's handling of the situation.

After the district commission rejected their comp-

laint, the two appealed before the state commission, where Air India contended that the diversion was necessitated solely by adverse weather conditions and was undertaken in the interest of flyer safety. It further submitted that it had arranged

for the passengers to stay at a hotel in Delhi and accommodated them on the next available flight to Colombo.

The state commission said, "... Given the extraordinary circumstances, there is no deficiency in service."

"The evidence on record overwhelmingly establishes that the diversion of the flight on Nov 6, 2016, was a direct and proximate consequence of zero visibility and dense fog at New Delhi airport, conditions that were entirely beyond the control of the airlines. The crew acted in strict compliance with the mandatory safety directives of DGCA in diverting the flight and took all reasonable steps to minimise the inconvenience to the affected passengers by providing free accommodation and arranging the earliest possible onward flight," the commission said.