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AAI team visits Kailashahar over revival of airport

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AGARTALA, May 27: Tripura Transport Minister Sushanta Chowdhury today said that a team of Airport Authority of India (AAI) inspected the defunct airport at Kailashahar in Unakoti district in a bid to revive it.

“We are optimistic that flight operations will resume and the people of Unakoti district will benefit from regional connectivity,” he added.

The AAI team that visited the airport on Monday, comprised M Rajkishore, Regional Executive Director for the North East, and KC Meena, Director of Maharaaja Bir Bikram Airport here. L Darlong, Additional District Magistrate of Unakoti, also accompanied them.

GOVT DECISION WOULD SET A PRECEDENT

Fare Play! Adani wants Same Fee for Twin Mumbai Airports

If accepted, this could result in higher traffic at Navi Mumbai whose success is crucial for co

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New Delhi: Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL) has asked the government to consider Mumbai and Navi Mumbai airports as a single entity for calculation of tariffs for passengers and airlines, show documents reviewed by ET.

The proposal, if accepted by the government, will bring parity in charges for both the airports, likely resulting in more traffic at Navi Mumbai, the success of which is crucial for AAHL, having invested ₹16,700 crore in building the facility.

While both airports are owned by AAHL, passenger user fees, landing and parking charges will be significantly higher at Navi Mumbai, which could deter airlines from shifting to the new air-

port that's expected to start commercial operations in July.

The company has cited a 2021 amendment of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) Act allowing grouping of airports and designating them as a single entity. This was done to privatise smaller, loss-making airports—clubbing them with a larger one in the same region to make them attractive to investors.

"A large amount of capital has been invested in Navi Mumbai—a greenfield airport," said a person aware of the development.

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Adani Ports to Raise ₹5kcr via Bond Sale

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd is set to raise ₹5,000 crore via a 15-year rated, listed, secured non-convertible debenture issue. **Shilpy Sinha** reports. >> 10

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Planned Scale-up

Expected passenger capacity at Navi Mumbai airport (million per year)



Airport to open in H2 of this year; IndiGo Wednesday said it'll start at Navi Mumbai with 18 daily flights to 15 cities

Bringing Parity

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"And, so, naturally tariff at Navi Mumbai will be significantly higher than Mumbai, which is an established airport where capex is low and there are depreciating assets," said the person.

"If both the airports' tariffs are calculated as one unit, the charges at both airports will be average of the two, bringing parity."

Tariff regulator AERA fixes airport charges for five years based

on capital expenditure by the operator. It takes into account the airport's revenue and expenditure based on capex, operating costs, depreciation and non-aero revenue, in determining tariffs so that the operator makes a reasonable profit.

AAHL has faced opposition from airlines on shifting to the new airport. The International Air Transport Association (IATA), an airline lobby group, said in March that the Adani group was using its

ownership of both airports to forcibly move traffic to kickstart operations at Navi Mumbai.

The Adani group and the Ministry of Civil Aviation didn't respond to queries.

The company announced plans to start the revamp of Mumbai airport's Terminal 1 in October, due to which around 15 million passengers will have to be shifted to Terminal 2 and Navi Mumbai.

The difference in revenue share is another reason why AAHL wants more airlines operating from Navi Mumbai, said people involved in the process.

According to the concession agreement, Mumbai International

Airport Ltd, the company that operates the airport, has to pay 38.7% of its gross revenue to the Airports Authority of India (AAI). Navi Mumbai International Airport Ltd, on the other hand, has to pay only 12.6% of its revenue to the City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra (Cidco).

"If there is high traffic at low revenue share at Navi Mumbai airport as compared to less traffic at higher revenue share at Mumbai airport, the company will have more revenue for operating the airports," a senior airport official said. "So, it makes financial sense to consider them as a single entity."

Government officials said deliberations are ongoing with AAI and Cidco on the company's proposal that would set a precedent for future cases. With as many as 15 cities having dual airports, it's necessary to establish a tariff calculation process that promotes the development of newer facilities while not burdening passengers, they said.

But a former AERA official warned that such a move may be seen as conferring an unwarranted advantage as they have different agreements and ownership structures. "Currently, this is the only case where a single company owns both the airports in the same geography," he said.

IndiGo to be first to take off from Navi Mumbai airport

SWARAJ BAGGONKAR
Mumbai, May 28

INDIGO WILL BE the first carrier to begin flight operations from Adani Group's Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), a joint statement said on Wednesday.

The country's largest airline will start with 18 daily departures to over 15 cities. This will be increased to 79 daily departures, including 14 international departures by November 2025, and further scaled up to over 100 daily departures by March 2026. By November 2026, the operations will be further ramped up to 140 daily departures, including 30 international departures.

Both IndiGo and Adani Airport Holdings (AAHL), however, did not provide the estimated date of the start of the operations at the airport.

IndiGo was the first carrier to conduct a flight validation test at NMIA in December 2024 with its Airbus A320.

Pieter Elbers, CEO, IndiGo, said: "IndiGo will be the inaugural airline to operate from NMIA and we couldn't be more pleased to announce this. Our alliance signals towards achievement of complete operational readiness on both sides to take next steps."

Arun Bansal, CEO, AAHL, said: "We are delighted to announce IndiGo as the first airline partner to commence operations from NMIA. This partnership marks a major step towards confirming NMIAL's position as a transfer hub for domestic and international travellers."

A few weeks ago, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) issued a NOTAM (notice to airmen), stating NMIAL will not be available until the first week of August.

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■ IndiGo names Vikram Singh Mehta new chairman, P4

IndiGo to be 1st to take off from Navi Mumbai airport

THE GREENFIELD AIRPORT was to be inaugurated in June after missing deadlines in December 2024 and March and April this year.

In its initial phase, NMIAL is designed to handle 20 million passengers and 0.5 MMT of cargo per annum, with the capacity to serve 90 million passengers and 3.2 MMT of cargo per annum, once all phases of construction are complete.

Prior to the test flight of IndiGo last year, NMIA had seen flight validation tests involving technical assessments, landings and takeoffs, testing of air traffic control systems and of handling procedures of small and large aircraft. Spread across 1,160 hectares and equipped with two parallel runways, the launch of NMIA will create a dual-airport system for the financial capital of the country, enabling the decongestion of Mumbai airport, the release stated.

It is important to streamline



operation at NMIA since it has to bear the passenger load of CSMIA's T1 terminal, which is slated to be dismantled and undergo a 3-4 year redevelopment phase. CSMIA, which is also run by AAHL, has a capacity to handle 55 million passengers per year.

In December 2023, IndiGo had signed a memorandum of understanding with Noida International Airport to become the launch carrier for the airport, which was supposed to be inaugurated in 2024. Akasa Air had also entered into a collaboration with Noida International Airport to start flights from there.





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{ FOR 'LACUNAE' AT NEW TERMINAL AT PATNA AIRPORT }

PM's security seeks cert from AAI

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PATNA: An advance security team of the Prime Minister pointed to the sagging of a section of the false ceiling near the escalator of the security hold area (SHA), and asked the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to furnish a structural stability certificate before giving security clearance, as the Special Protection Group (SPG) held an advance security liaison meeting with airport, administrative and security officials, including those of other agencies at the Patna airport on Tuesday, said officials privy to the development.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to inaugurate the new integrated terminal building of the Jayprakash Narayan International (JPNI) air-



The new integrated terminal building of the Jayprakash Narayan International airport in Patna.
SANTOSH KUMAR/HT

port in Patna on May 29.

Gaps around the railings of the escalator in the SHA and lack of staircase alongside escalator, leading to evacuation concern in case of an emergency, were also among some designing, planning, and work execution related lacunae the government agencies have pointed out during the final review of

arrangements before the inauguration of the new terminal building, built at a cost of over ₹1,200 crore, said people familiar with the matter on Tuesday.

Officials believed the gap between the railings of the escalators at the SHA could pose a risk to any child who could easily sneak between the gap and fall.

The standalone X-ray baggage scanning machines at the SHA did not have an automatic tray retrieval system (ATRS), which was approved for the new terminal. The manual system of retrieval of trays, where passengers keep their personal belongings for scanning, leads to wastage of time and manpower, said people familiar with the matter.

The terminal building, named after legendary socialist leader Jayprakash Narayan, also did not have any statue of the leader. Ravishankar Prasad, BJP's Patna Sahib MP and former Union minister, had asked the AAI officials to install a life-size statue of JP during his inspection of the airport in March.

Efforts to reach senior officers of the AAI for comments proved futile.



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TN to compensate AAI if Parandur airport is operational before footfalls at city airport rise

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Chennai: The state govt has agreed to compensate Airports Authority of India (AAI) if the proposed greenfield airport at Parandur becomes operational before passenger movement at Chennai International Airport reaches the targeted 35 million passengers per annum (MPPA).

During the steering committee meeting on March 12 in New Delhi, AAI chairman Vipin Kumar, while supporting the proposal for the Parandur airport, said AAI should be compensated by the Tamil Nadu govt since the proposed air-

port is within a 150km radius of Chennai airport.

Minutes of the meeting of the steering committee are now available in the public domain. In these, the AAI chairman cited the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) and said the state govt should compensate AAI if the Parandur airport becomes operational before Chennai airport reaches its target of 35 MPPA.

The compensation can be mutually decided when the need arises, it said. Chennai airport currently handles 30 million passengers annually. Authorities hope the influx will increase to 35 million

with the completion of phase II of the international terminal.

However, the state govt did agree to the AAI Chairman's request to give assent to the construction of a new terminal at Chennai airport and an additional land allocation of 90 acres for the expansion of the cargo terminal.

The greenfield airport in Parandur, which is to be developed in four phases at an estimated ₹27,000 crore, is expected to have its first phase completed in 2028.

Tidco, the state nodal agency, has said the airport will handle 20 million pas-

sengers annually after the first phase is completed.

However, Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA), which was also part of the steering committee, said the proposed size of the terminal building in the first phase (3.5 lakh sqm) cannot handle so many passengers. "The number varies from the stipulated norms of the International Air Transport Association's Airport Development Reference Manual," it said, recommending further optimisation of the proposed aeronautical infrastructures to keep tariffs levied on airlines under control.



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दिल्ली हवाईअड्डा एशिया प्रशांत में शीर्ष-10 में शामिल

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली का इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा (आईजीआईए) भी अब एशिया-प्रशांत और मध्य पूर्व क्षेत्रों के शीर्ष 10 हब एयरपोर्ट में शामिल हो गया है। यह जानकारी बुधवार को एयरपोर्ट काउंसिल इंटरनेशनल एशिया-पैसिफिक एंड मिडिल ईस्ट की एयर कनेक्टिविटी रैंकिंग 2024 में सामने आई है।

इस सूची में दुबई इंटरनेशनल हवाई अड्डा पहले स्थान पर है। इसके बाद शंघाई पुडोंग (चीन), हमाद (कतर) और इंचियोन (दक्षिण कोरिया) हवाई अड्डे क्रमशः दूसरे, तीसरे और चौथे स्थान पर हैं। बैंकॉक सुवर्णभूमि हवाई अड्डा (थाईलैंड) सातवें स्थान पर है। दिल्ली हवाईअड्डा इस सूची में 10वें स्थान पर है और यह इस सूची में शामिल इकलौता भारतीय हवाई अड्डा है। इन हवाईअड्डों में कनेक्टिविटी में साल-दर-साल 14 फीसदी की बढ़ोतरी दर्ज की गई है। एजेसी



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BUSINESS LINE

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New terminal at Patna airport to be launched ahead of Bihar polls

STATE-OF-THE-ART. PM expected to inaugurate facility, designed to handle 3,000 passengers, on Thursday

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

Ahead of the Bihar elections that are scheduled to be held later this year, the Centre is set to launch a state-of-the-art terminal at the Patna airport.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to inaugurate the terminal building, designed to handle 3,000 passengers during peak hours and 10 million annually, on Thursday.

The terminal will be equipped with cutting-edge facilities, including 64 check-in counters and five aerobridges, according to industry sources. On the airport side, an apron area has been developed for the parking of 11 aircraft, including nine A320 or B737-800



MODERN TOUCH. The terminal building will be equipped with cutting-edge facilities, including 64 check-in counters and five aerobridges, sources said

planes and two ATR-72s. The ground floor of the new terminal is dedicated for arrivals while the elevated first floor is for departures.

Besides, a corridor has been constructed from the new terminal building that connects to the MLCP (multi-level car parking),

which can accommodate 1,100 cars, along with a commercial floor.

DESIGN THEME

In terms of its design, the terminal pays homage to Bihar's rich cultural heritage, incorporating elements of Mithila art and the architec-

tural style of the Nalanda Mahavihara ruins.

Apart from Patna airport, both the Central and State governments are accelerating the development of key aviation projects before the elections. Earlier, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in the 2025-26 Budget,

proposed to facilitate the development of greenfield airports in Bihar. "These will be in addition to the expansion of the capacity of Patna airport and a brownfield airport..." she had said.

The massive push for airport infrastructure is expected to play a crucial role in the political narratives, said an industry source, adding that parties try to showcase development as a major achievement to woo voters.

Recently, the Nitish Kumar-led State government announced plans to develop 15 airports. Bihar has three operational airports.

The Centre via its regional air connectivity scheme, Udan, plans to lay the groundwork for airports at Valmikinagar, Birpur, Madhubani, Munger, Saharsa, and Muzaffarpur.

नवी मुंबई हवाईअड्डे के लिए विमानन कंपनी की तैयारी

पहले ही दिन होंगी इंडिगो की 18 उड़ान

दीपक पटेल

नई दिल्ली, 28 मई

इंडिगो नए बन रहे नवी मुंबई इंटरनैशनल एयरपोर्ट (एनएमआईए) से उड़ान भरने वाली पहली विमानन कंपनी होगी और हवाईअड्डे के वाणिज्यिक परिचालन के पहले ही दिन वह 15 शहरों के लिए रोजाना 18 उड़ानें शुरू करेगी। विमानन कंपनी ने एनएमआईए पर अपने परिचालन में खासा इजाफा करने की योजना बनाई है। वह पहले दिन 36 एयर ट्राफिक मूवमेंट (एटीएम) से लेकर इस साल नवंबर तक रोजाना 79 (158 एटीएम) उड़ान भरेगी, जिनमें 14 अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रस्थान शामिल हैं। इंडिगो ने कहा कि वह मार्च 2026 तक 100 से ज्यादा दैनिक प्रस्थान (200 एटीएम) संचालित करेगी। नवंबर 2026 तक इस परिचालन को और बढ़ाकर 30 अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रस्थान समेत 140 दैनिक प्रस्थान (280 एटीएम) तक किया जाएगा। प्रत्येक आगमन या प्रस्थान को एक एटीएम के रूप में गिना जाता है। उम्मीद है कि एनएमआईए अगले कुछ महीनों में वाणिज्यिक उड़ानों का संचालन शुरू कर देगा।

इंडिगो के मुख्य कार्य अधिकारी पीटर एल्बर्स ने कहा, 'इंडिगो एनएमआईए से परिचालन करने वाली पहली विमानन कंपनी होगी और हमें यह घोषणा करते हुए बेहद खुशी हो रही है।' उन्होंने कहा, 'यह विस्तार हमारे

देश की सबसे बड़ी विमानन कंपनी वित्तीय राजधानी के दूसरे हवाईअड्डे से उड़ानों का संचालन करने वाली पहली विमानन कंपनी होगी

महत्वाकांक्षी यात्रियों की बदलती जरूरतों को पूरा करने के हमारे समर्पण को दर्शाता है।'

एनएमआईए को नवी मुंबई इंटरनैशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (नमायल) विकसित कर रहा है। यह 74 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी वाली अदाणी एयरपोर्ट होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड (एएएचएल) और महाराष्ट्र सरकार की विकास इकाई सिडको का संयुक्त उद्यम है, जिसके पास शेष 26 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी है। एएएचएल के पास मुंबई इंटरनैशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (मायल) भी है जो मुंबई के मौजूदा छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज इंटरनैशनल एयरपोर्ट (सीएसएमआईए) का संचालन करती है। सीएसएमआईए वैश्विक स्तर पर सबसे व्यस्त हवाईअड्डों में से एक है और सालाना 45 लाख से ज्यादा यात्रियों को संभालता है। आसपास के शहरी विकास के कारण इसमें विस्तार की सीमित गुंजाइश है और यहां खासी भीड़भाड़ रहती है।

संरचनात्मक सुरक्षा संबंधी चिंताओं के कारण मायल

ने क्षमता में कुछ वृद्धि वाला आधुनिक टर्मिनल बनाने के लिए नवंबर 2025 में सीएसएमआईए पर टर्मिनल 1 (टी1) गिराने की योजना बनाई है। इस पुनर्निर्माण के दौरान करीब 50 लाख यात्रियों को टर्मिनल 2 (टी2) पर स्थानांतरित किया जाएगा जबकि शेष एक करोड़ यात्रियों को एनएमआईए में समायोजित किया जाएगा।

अलबत्ता टी1 गिराने की इस योजना को हितधारकों के विरोध का सामना करना पड़ा है। एयरपोर्ट्स ऑथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया (एएआई) ने टी1 को एक बार में पूरी तरह से ध्वस्त करने के मायल के प्रस्ताव पर आपत्ति जताई है और इसे गिराने के लिए चरणबद्ध दृष्टिकोण की तरफदारी की है ताकि कम से कम बाधा हो।

मेहता चेयरमैन नियुक्त

देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन कंपनी इंडिगो ने बुधवार को वेंकटरमणी सुमंत्रन की जगह विक्रम सिंह मेहता को नया चेयरमैन नियुक्त करने की घोषणा की। मेहता मई, 2022 से इंटरग्लोब एविएशन लिमिटेड के निदेशक मंडल के सदस्य हैं। इंडिगो का संचालन इंटरग्लोब एविएशन ही करती है। इंडिगो ने बयान में कहा कि मेहता चेयरमैन के पद पर सुमंत्रन की जगह लेंगे, जिन्होंने निदेशक के तौर पर अपना पांच साल का कार्यकाल पूरा होने के बाद पद छोड़ दिया था।



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एशिया-प्रशांत के शीर्ष 10 हब एयरपोर्ट्स में 'आइजीआई'

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली : आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट को एयरपोर्ट्स काउंसिल इंटरनेशनल एशिया-प्रशांत और मध्य पूर्व (एसीआई एपेक एवं एमआईडी) द्वारा जारी 2024 एयर कनेक्टिविटी रैंकिंग में एशिया-प्रशांत और मध्य पूर्व क्षेत्र के शीर्ष 10 हब एयरपोर्ट्स में स्थान मिला है। शीर्ष 10 की सूची में शामिल होने वाला यह भारत का एकमात्र एयरपोर्ट है। इस रैंकिंग में आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट को 153 गंतव्यों से जुड़ा बताया गया है, जिसमें 81 घरेलू और 72 अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्ग शामिल हैं। इस बार दुबई इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट ने इस इंडेक्स में शीर्ष पर जगह बनाई है। इसके बाद चीन का शंघाई पुडोंग एयरपोर्ट शामिल है। तीसरे स्थान पर कतर स्थित हम्राद



दिल्ली का आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट

इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट है। डायल के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी विदेह कुमार जयपुरियार ने इस उपलब्धि पर कहा कि हमें गर्व है कि एसीआई की 2024 एयर कनेक्टिविटी रैंकिंग में एशिया-प्रशांत और मध्य पूर्व क्षेत्र के शीर्ष 10 हब एयरपोर्ट्स में हमें स्थान मिला है। यह हमारी उत्कृष्टता, नवाचार और यात्री-केंद्रित सेवा के प्रति प्रतिबद्धता का

प्रमाण है। हम आगे भी कनेक्टिविटी बढ़ाने, यात्री अनुभव को बेहतर बनाने और भारत को विश्व से जोड़ने वाले प्रमुख प्रवेश द्वार के रूप में अपनी स्थिति को मजबूत करने के लिए काम करेंगे।

शीर्ष 10 में शामिल होने के प्रमुख कारण : डायल के अनुसार आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट हाल के वर्षों में 20 से अधिक विशेष अंतरराष्ट्रीय गंतव्यों से जुड़ा है। इनमें नामपेन्ह, बाली देनपसार, कैलगरी, मांट्रियल, चैक्यूवर, वाशिंगटन डलेस, शिकागो ओ'हेयर, टोक्यो हानेदा आदि शहर शामिल हैं। साथ ही एक दशक में अंतरराष्ट्रीय कनेक्टिंग यात्रियों की संख्या दोगुनी हुई है, जो दिल्ली को दक्षिण एशिया के प्रमुख पारगमन हब के रूप में स्थापित करता है।

आइजीआई लंबी दूरी की उड़ानों का पसंदीदा हब बना हुआ है। यह 88% लंबी दूरी के गंतव्यों से जुड़ा है और भारत से शुरू होने वाली 56% लंबी दूरी की साप्ताहिक उड़ानों का संचालन करता है। भारत से लंबी दूरी के 42% यात्री दिल्ली को अपने यात्रा प्रवेश द्वार के रूप में चुनते हैं।

आइजीआई की घरेलू-अंतरराष्ट्रीय कनेक्टिविटी बढ़ रही है। हर साल 40 लाख घरेलू यात्री यहां से अंतरराष्ट्रीय गंतव्यों के लिए कनेक्शन प्राप्त करते हैं। फेज 3ए विस्तार परियोजना के तहत अंतरराष्ट्रीय-से-अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्थानांतरण क्षेत्र को दोगुना किया गया है। नए बायोमेट्रिक पंजीकरण कियोस्क जैसे उन्नयन यात्रा अनुभव को और बेहतर बनाते हैं।



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THE ECONOMIC TIMES

DELHI

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■ IndiGo First to Fly from Navi Mum Airport



MUMBAI IndiGo on Wednesday said it will be the first airline to begin commercial

operations from Navi Mumbai airport, with international services expected to start in November. The airline said it will operate 18 daily departures to over 15 cities from day one. Separately, it announced the appointment of Vikram Singh Mehta as its new chairman.



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THE FINANCIAL EXPRESS

DELHI

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Oberoi sees 'no chance' of resuming airport lounge biz

OBEROI HOTELS AND Resorts, managed by EIH, sees "no chance" of regaining its airport lounge business in Mumbai and will focus on in-flight catering segment instead to make up for the lost revenue.

Oberoi Hotels and Resorts exited the airport lounge business following discontinuation of the lease period for the Mumbai airport, operated by the Adani Group. "The lounge business has been concluded by the end of the financial year (FY25), and it is no longer there. It was

supposed to end sooner – halfway through the last financial year – but there was an extension," Vikram Oberoi, managing director and CEO, EIH, said in an analyst call post the announcement of the March quarter results.

The airport lounge operation was one of the ancillary business units of the group. While it generated ₹122 crore in revenue in FY25 – just 4.4% of EIH's total operating income of ₹2,743 crore – it was a very profitable business. —FE BUREAU



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MUMBAI

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Man held for bomb threat to airport

FPJ News Service

MUMBAI

The Mumbai police have arrested a 35-year-old tailor, identified as Manjeet Kumar Gautam, for making a bomb threat call to Mumbai International Airport. The arrest was made by MIDC police shortly after the call was received by the police control room. The accused, who hails from Uttar



The police have arrested a tailor who said he made the call as he wanted to go to jail after a fight with his wife

Pradesh and resides in Sakinaka, told the police he made the call after an altercation with his wife and said he wanted to go to jail. There are no previous cases registered against him. He was handed over to the Azad Maidan police. The threat, however, triggered security protocols, with bomb detection squads and other security agencies placed on high alert.

HINDUSTAN

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दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट शीर्ष 10 हवाई अड्डों में शामिल

उपलब्धि

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (आईजीआईए) ने एक और बड़ी उपलब्धि अपने नाम की।

इसको 'द एयरपोर्ट काउंसिल इंटरनेशनल एशिया-पैसिफिक एंड मिडिल ईस्ट एयर कनेक्टिविटी रैंकिंग 2024' में एशिया-प्रशांत और पश्चिम एशिया क्षेत्र के शीर्ष 10 बड़े और व्यस्ततम हवाई अड्डों की सूची में शामिल किया गया है। इस प्रतिष्ठित सूची में आईजीआई हवाई अड्डे को 10वां स्थान प्राप्त हुआ। रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट ने वर्ष



2024 में वार्षिक आधार पर 14 प्रतिशत की उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि दर्ज की। यह बढ़ती मांग, हवाई नेटवर्क में निरंतर सुधार और प्रमुख अंतरराष्ट्रीय रूट्स को वापसी के कारण देखने को मिली है। दिल्ली हवाई अड्डा इस मांग को पूरा करने में सफल रहा। यह कुल 153 गंतव्यों को हवाई संपर्क प्रदान कर रहा

है, जिनमें 81 घरेलू और 72 अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्ग शामिल हैं। इस उपलब्धि पर दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन ने कहा कि यह रैंकिंग देश के बढ़ते स्तरीय सुविधाएं प्रदान करने की दिशा में हमारे प्रयासों की एक बड़ी मान्यता है। हम भविष्य में भी यात्रियों को सुखद अनुभव के प्रति कटिबद्ध हैं।

दुबई का एयरपोर्ट पहले स्थान पर रहा

रैंकिंग में दुबई का अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा पहले स्थान पर रहा है, जो वैश्विक यात्राओं का प्रमुख केंद्र बना हुआ है। चीन का शंघाई पुडोंग एयरपोर्ट दूसरे स्थान पर, कतर का हमाद एयरपोर्ट तीसरे और दक्षिण कोरिया का इंचियोन एयरपोर्ट चौथे नंबर पर रहा।

इसके अलावा चीन का हो गुआंगजू बैयुन एयरपोर्ट पांचवें, बीजिंग कैपिटल एयरपोर्ट छठे, थाईलैंड का बैंकॉक सुवर्णभूमि एयरपोर्ट सातवें, सिंगापुर का चांगी एयरपोर्ट आठवें और कुआलालंपुर नीवें स्थान पर रहा।



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THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

DELHI

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IGI Airport ranks 10th in regional connectivity report

NEW DELHI: Delhi's IGI Airport has secured the 10th spot in the Asia-Pacific and Middle East region for "seamless" connectivity, airport operator Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) said on Wednesday. IGI is the only Indian airport in the top 10 list, it said.

The rankings have been released by the Airports Council International Asia-Pacific and Middle East. "This milestone reflects our continuous focus on enhancing the passenger experience and maintaining the highest standards," said DIAL CEO Videh Kumar Jaipuria. **HTC**



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THE HINDU

CHENNAI

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Tanker lorry owners attached to BPCL stop aviation turbine fuel supply to airport

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Members of the Chennai and Asanur Petroleum Tanker Lorry Owners Welfare on Tuesday stepped up their protest demanding further extension of transport tender period by refusing to lift aviation turbine fuel (ATF) from Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.'s (BPCL) terminal at Tondiarpet.

The ATF is meant for supply to various airlines at the Chennai airport. Around 3 lakh litres of ATF is supplied by road daily to the airport by 10 tanker lorries attached to BPCL's facility.

Company sources, however, said that Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., which has a pipeline running to Meenambakkam will ensure uninterrupted supplies to the airlines.

For two days now, the tankers had stopped supply of petrol and diesel to BPCL retail outlets. Around 450 tanker lorries attached to the company's Karur terminal too have said they would join in the

protest, and stop supplies to retail outlets in 10 districts including Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Salem, Nagapattinam and Karaikal from Wednesday.

Sources in BPCL said that the rate being provided in the new tender was much higher than the all-India average of ₹2.80/kilometre/kilo litre.

"Our rate is ₹2.09/km/KL. Only a few tanker owners are involved in this strike and they are standing in the way of other tanker operators from participating in the fresh tender. They have struck work several times without even informing us and letting outlets go dry once. This time, so far there have not been any dry-outs," a source said on condition of anonymity, while adding that the company will get at least 800 applications for transporting fuel. Many have already converted their vehicles to suit our specifications and even recruited drivers.

"They are mailing us requesting us not to further extend the transport tenders," the source added.



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THE HINDU

CHENNAI

28 MAY 2025

Make hydrogeological report of Parandur airport project public: Poovulagin Nanbargal

The Hindu Bureau

CHENNAI

Though it has been more than a year since the completion of the hydrogeological report for Parandur airport project, the Tamil Nadu government has not made the document public as yet, G. Sundarrajan of Poovulagin Nanbargal said.

“In the meeting held before granting the in-princi-

ple approval, the State government informed the Steering Committee it was working on the recommendation of the report. But till today, the government refuses to share the document.

“The findings of the report perhaps indicate potential risks and threats to the environment due to the airport project and hence, it is causing them discomfort and they don’t

want the public to access it,” he said.

Mr. Sundar also highlighted that the minutes of the meeting shows the Airport Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) wants the government to rework the proposed passenger capacity of the airport in phases.

“AERA also highlighted that the proposed terminal size and its capacity seem to be on the higher side,”

Mr. Sundar added.

He reiterated his charge that if Parandur airport comes up, the other airports in the State will meet that same fate as that of those in Telangana or Karnataka.

“Here, the tier II airports are growing quite well and expanding. But their expansion will stop and will not be allowed to grow if Parandur is built,” he added.



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THE INDIAN EXPRESS

DELHI

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IGIA 10th best hub airport in APAC and Middle East

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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DELHI AIRPORT is among the 10 best hub airports in the Asia Pacific (APAC) and Middle East regions, according to a report released Wednesday.

The list of 10 best hub airports in the Airports Council International Asia-Pacific & Middle East's 2024 is topped by Dubai International Airport. While Shanghai Pudong International Airport (China) secures the second spot, Hamad International Airport (Qatar) is at the third spot.

The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in Delhi, the only Indian airport on the hub connectivity list, is at the tenth spot. Hub airports serve as central connecting points for flights from different routes to facilitate the transfer of cargo and passengers. The rankings were released on Wednesday by



IGIA is the only Indian airport on the list. File

the Airports Council International Asia-Pacific & Middle East (ACI APAC & MID).

"We are immensely proud and honoured that the Delhi airport has been recognised as one of the top 10 hub airports in the Asia-Pacific and Middle East region in the 2024 Air Connectivity Ranking by Airports Council International," said Vidh Kumar Jaipuria, CEO of Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), which operates the IGIA.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

DELHI

29 MAY 2025

DUBAI LEADS

IGIA among top 10 airport hubs in Asia-Pacific

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DELHI'S Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) has been ranked among the top 10 hub airports in Asia-Pacific and the Middle East, according to the 2024 Air Connectivity Ranking released by Airports Council International Asia-Pacific & Middle East (ACI APAC & MID). The airport, operated by GMR-DIAL, is the only Indian airport to be included in the top 10.

Dubai International Airport leads this year's Hub Connectivity Index, followed by Shanghai Pudong and Hamad International Airports.

"The ranking recognises Delhi Airport's growing stature as a global transit hub, with seamless connectivity to 153 destinations worldwide, including 81 domestic and 72 international routes. It also aligns with the Centre's endeavour to develop IGIA as a global transit hub," DIAL said in a statement.

"Being the only Indian airport to achieve this distinction is a testament to our unwavering commitment to excellence and passenger-centric service," said Videsh Kumar Jaipuria, CEO, DIAL. The 2025 edition of the ACI rankings introduced a 'Hub Connectivity Index', which evaluates airports based on the effectiveness and quality of their hub operations.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

DELHI

29 MAY 2025

Navi Mum airport: 18 IndiGo flights daily

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

INDIGO, country's largest airline, is set to become first carrier to operate from the soon-to-be operational Navi Mumbai International Airport.

On Wednesday, the airline partnered with Adani Airport Holdings (AAHL), India's largest operator of public-private partnership (PPP) airports, to facilitate launch of commercial flight services. IndiGo will operate 18 daily departures (36 air traffic movements (ATMs)) from NMIA to over 15 cities from day one, making it the



first airline to operate from NMIA at the start of commercial operations.

This will be raised to 79 daily departures (158 ATMs), including 14 overseas departures by November '25, and further scale up to over 100 daily departures (200 ATMS) by March '26. By November '26, the operations

will be built up to 140 daily departures (280 ATMs) including 30 overseas departures. Pieter Elbers, CEO, IndiGo, said IndiGo will be the inaugural airline to operate from NMIA and the alliance signals towards achievement of complete operational readiness on both sides to take next steps.

Vikram Singh Mehta appointed chairman

NEW DELHI: IndiGo has appointed Vikram Singh Mehta as the Chairman of the Board. Mehta has been a Member of the Board of InterGlobe Aviation (IndiGo) since May 2022. He succeeds Venkataramani Sumantran, who stepped down from the post after completion of his five-year term as a Board Member. Sumantran was appointed as the Chairman of the Board in May 2022 and post COVID, navigated the Board during IndiGo's strong recovery and growth over past three years. ENS

आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट 10 शीर्ष हब एयरपोर्ट में शामिल

■ सूची में शामिल होने वाला बना एकमात्र भारतीय एयरपोर्ट

नई दिल्ली, 28 मई (नवोदय टाइम्स): इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल (आईजीआई) एयरपोर्ट को एशिया-प्रशांत और मध्य पूर्व के 10 शीर्ष हब एयरपोर्ट में शामिल किया गया है। एयरपोर्ट काउंसिल इंटरनेशनल एशिया-प्रशांत और मध्य पूर्व द्वारा जारी 2024 एयर कनेक्टिविटी रैंकिंग में यह जानकारी दी गई। इस सूची में शामिल होने वाला यह एकमात्र भारतीय एयरपोर्ट है जो वैश्विक ट्रांजिट हब के रूप में दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट के बढ़ते कदम को दर्शाता है।

दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट को संचालित करने वाली दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) के सीईओ विदेह कुमार जयपुरियार ने बताया कि इस साल के हब कनेक्टिविटी इंडेक्स में दुबई इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट सबसे आगे है, इसके बाद शंघाई पुडोंग और हम्मद इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट हैं। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट ने 10 वां स्थान हासिल किया है। यह बेहद गर्व और सम्मान की बात है। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से 81 घरेलू और 72 इंटरनेशनल मार्गों सहित दुनिया भर के 153 शहरों के लिए निर्बाध कनेक्टिविटी है। यह आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट को वैश्विक पारगमन केंद्र के रूप में विकसित करने के भारत सरकार के प्रयास के अनुरूप भी है। यह

दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट दुनिया के लिए प्रवेश द्वार के रूप में उभरा

विदेह कुमार जयपुरियार के अनुसार दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट ने हाल के वर्षों में 20 से अधिक इंटरनेशनल गंतव्यों को जोड़कर अपने वैश्विक एडवेंचर को महत्वपूर्ण रूप से व्यापक बनाया है। नए मार्गों में नोम पेन्ह, बाली डेनपसहर, फैलमरी, मॉन्ट्रियल, रैकुपर, वाशिंगटन डीसी, शिकागो ओ-हारे, टोक्यो हनेडा आदि शामिल हैं। पिछले दशक में

ट्रांसकर पैसेंजर की संख्या दोगुनी हो गई है। यह साबित करता है कि दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट एशिया में एक प्रमुख ट्रांजिट हब के रूप में उभर रहा है। हर साल दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट अंतरराष्ट्रीय गंतव्यों के लिए आगे की यात्रा करने वाले 4 मिलियन घरेलू यात्रियों के लिए निर्बाध सुविधा प्रदान करता है।



उपलब्धि हासिल करने वाला एकमात्र भारतीय एयरपोर्ट होना उत्कृष्टता और यात्री-केंद्रित सेवा के प्रति हमारी अटूट प्रतिबद्धता का प्रमाण है। इस उपलब्धि के पीछे डायल की पूरी टीम का हाथ है। इसके लिए सभी एयरलाइन भागीदारों, सरकारी अधिकारियों और सभी हितधारकों का दिल से आभार है। साथ मिलकर हम कनेक्टिविटी को बढ़ाने, यात्री अनुभव को बेहतर बनाने व भारत को दुनिया से जोड़ने वाले प्रमुख गेटवे के रूप में अपनी स्थिति को बनाए रखने का प्रयास जारी रखेंगे।



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PUNJAB KESARI

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दिल्ली हवाई अड्डा एशिया-प्रशांत और पश्चिम एशिया के शीर्ष 10 में शामिल

● इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे को 2024 की एयर कनेक्टिविटी रैंकिंग में 10वां स्थान

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) : भारत की राष्ट्रीय राजधानी स्थित इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा (आईजीआईए) ने एक और महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धि अपने नाम की है। यह हवाई अड्डा एशिया-प्रशांत और पश्चिम एशिया क्षेत्र के शीर्ष 10 सबसे अधिक कनेक्टिविटी वाले हवाई अड्डों में शामिल हो गया है। एयरपोर्ट काउंसिल इंटरनेशनल एशिया-पैसिफिक एंड मिडिल ईस्ट एयर कनेक्टिविटी रैंकिंग 2024 के अनुसार, दिल्ली हवाई अड्डा इस प्रतिष्ठित सूची में दसवें स्थान पर रहा। यह उपलब्धि अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों की मांग, नेटवर्क विस्तार और प्रमुख यात्रा गंतियों की वापसी के

चलते संभव हुई है।

रैंकिंग में दुबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा पहले स्थान पर रहा, जबकि शंघाई पुडोंग (चीन), हमद (कतर) और इंचियोन (दक्षिण कोरिया) क्रमशः दूसरे, तीसरे और चौथे स्थान पर रहे। दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे का संचालन दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) द्वारा किया जाता है। यह हवाई अड्डा 153 गंतव्यों से जुड़ा है, जिनमें 81 घरेलू और 72 अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्ग शामिल हैं। रिपोर्ट में यह भी उल्लेख किया गया कि 2024 में एशिया-प्रशांत और पश्चिम एशिया क्षेत्र में एयर कनेक्टिविटी में कुल 14 फीसदी की वार्षिक वृद्धि दर्ज की गई है, जो वैश्विक यात्रा गतिविधियों के पुनरुत्थान का संकेत है। इस उल्लेखनीय प्रदर्शन से न केवल भारत की वैश्विक कनेक्टिविटी को बल मिला है, बल्कि यह देश की आर्थिक और पर्यटन क्षमता को भी नई ऊंचाई देता है।



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

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Navi Mumbai airport likely to start ops in Oct

Mumbai: The Navi Mumbai airport is set to begin handling airline passenger flights this winter, with IndiGo operating 36 domestic departure and arrival flights connecting 15 cities from day one, said the airport and airline in a joint statement Wednesday. The formal inauguration date for the new airport has not been announced yet, but sources said it will commence functioning post-monsoon, around Oct. The airline did not announce the names of the 15 cities, but passengers can expect flights to Delhi, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad and Kochi, said a source. In its initial phase, the airport is set to handle 20 million passengers and 0.5 MMT (million tons) of cargo per annum, with the capacity to serve 90 million passengers and 3.2 MMT of cargo per annum once complete. TNN



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MUMBAI

28 MAY 2025

Mumbai-bound flight grounded for 24 hours at Amravati airport as fuel tanker stuck in mud

Amravati: The sole commercial flight, with 74 passengers on board, from Amravati airport was stuck there for 24 hours as it could not be refuelled since the tanker carrying aviation turbine fuel (ATF) got stuck in slush on Monday evening, reports **Anil Jadhav**.

The passengers had already boarded the Alliance Air's aircraft and were awaiting take-off from the airport inaugurated last month, when the pilot announced that the plane cannot fly for the want of fuel. Many passengers had to book hotels for the night's stay. On Monday, the flight from Mumbai was delayed by an hour and a half. Amravati airport director, Amardeep Sehra, maintained that since it was sundown, the flight couldn't take off as the airport doesn't have a night landing facility. "We had fuel as demanded by the pilot, but since the flight had arrived late, refuelling the aircraft was going to take time," he added.

TOI independently confirmed that the tanker carrying ATF could not reach the aircraft. The road connecting the runway and the ATF terminal is not in a proper condition and rain worsened it further, said a source. The aircraft finally took off around 4pm on Tuesday, a source said. However, Sehra told **TOI** the flight took off around 1pm on Tuesday, carrying some passengers while others claimed a refund.

The Mumbai-Amravati-Mumbai flight operates on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. It takes off from Mumbai at 2.30pm and lands in Amravati at 4.15pm. The flight departs from Amravati at 4.40pm.



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THE ASIAN AGE

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Domestic air travel surges 8% in April

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, MAY 27

After India's domestic air passenger traffic rose 8 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to 14.3 million in April, daily trends in May so far indicate a moderation to around 3 per cent YoY rise, largely impacted by partial airport closures due to geopolitical turmoil, said a report.

"Indigo and Air India group continued to account for around 91 per cent of total domestic passenger traffic," said Arya Patel, research associate, Emkay Global Financial Services.

"Indigo's market share saw 10 bps month-on-month (MoM) uptick to 64.1 per cent in April, rein-



forcing its dominant position in the domestic space. The Air India posted a more notable increase, adding 50 bps MoM to secure a 27.2 per cent market share. SpiceJet's share declined by 70 bps MoM to 2.6 per cent," he said.

Passenger load factors (PLFs) recovered in April, with airlines reporting healthy MoM improvements.

The Air India group led the gains with a monthly uptick of 270bps, pushing its April PLF to 83.3 per cent. Indigo and SpiceJet followed, reporting MoM upticks of 230bps and 120bps, with PLFs reaching 86.9 per cent and 86.0 per cent respectively.



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AMAR UJALA

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विक्रम सिंह मेहता इंडिगो के चेयरमैन बने

नई दिल्ली। विमानन कंपनी इंडिगो ने विक्रम सिंह मेहता को चेयरमैन नियुक्त किया है। पूर्व आईएएस अधिकारी मेहता इंडिगो को चलाने वाली इंटरग्लोब एविएशन के बोर्ड में मई, 2022 से हैं। वह कई कंपनियों के बोर्ड में रह चुके हैं। उनके अलावा, इंडिगो के बोर्ड में सह-संस्थापक राहुल भाटिया सहित छह लोग हैं। इंडिगो के प्रमोटर राकेश गंगवाल ने कंपनी में 5.72 फीसदी हिस्सा बेच दिया है। एजेसी

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BUSINESS LINE

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Rakesh Gangwal, family trust sell 5.7% stake in IndiGo for ₹11,559 crore through a block deal

Press Trust of India
New Delhi

InterGlobe Aviation promoter Rakesh Gangwal and his family trust on Tuesday sold a 5.7 per cent stake in the airline for about ₹11,559 crore through a block deal, according to sources.

Following the stake sale, shares of InterGlobe Aviation slipped 2.08 per cent to close at ₹5,307 on the NSE.

Apart from Gangwal, the Chinkerpoo Family Trust, whose trustees are Shobha Gangwal and JP Morgan Trust Company of Delaware, have also participated in the transaction, the sources said.

DEAL DETAILS

Before the latest transaction, Gangwal and the family trust



TRIMMING STAKE. Since February 2022, Gangwal and his wife Shobha Gangwal have been offloading their shares in IndiGo

together owned about 13.5 per cent in IndiGo.

As per the latest block deal, up to 2.21 crore equity shares were sold at a final price of ₹5,230.50 per share, as per a revised term sheet.

The total number of shares has been raised from the initial 1.32 crore shares

mentioned in the earlier term sheet.

The final price is at a 3.5 per cent discount compared with the closing price of ₹5,420 per share on Monday.

PREVIOUS STAKE-SALE

In August 2024, Rakesh Gangwal's family trust sold a

5.24 per cent stake in the airline for ₹9,549 crore. Before that, it had sold shares in March.

The share sale is part of Gangwal's decision in February 2022 to trim his shareholding after a bitter feud with co-founder Rahul Bhatia over alleged corporate governance issues.

Since February 2022, Gangwal and his wife Shobha Gangwal have been offloading their shares in IndiGo.

In September 2022, Rakesh Gangwal and Shobha Gangwal sold a 2.74 per cent shareholding for ₹2,005 crore. In February 2023, Shobha divested a 4 per cent stake in the company for ₹2,944 crore. Later in August, she sold a nearly 2.9 per cent stake in the company for a little over ₹2,800 crore.

IndiGo to be first airline to take off from Navi Mumbai

DEEPAK PATEL
New Delhi, 28 May

IndiGo on Wednesday said it would be the first airline to operate from the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), launching 18 daily flights to 15 cities from the first day of the airport's commercial operations.

The airline plans to scale up its operations at NMIA significantly, from 36 air traffic movements (ATMs) daily on the opening day to 79 daily departures (158 ATMs), including 14 international departures by November this year.

IndiGo said it will operate over 100 daily departures (200 ATMs) by March 2026. By November 2026, the operations will be further built up to 140 daily departures (280 ATMs), including 30 international departures.

Each arrival or departure is counted as one ATM.

NMIA is expected to start commercial flight operations in the next few months.

"IndiGo will be the inaugural airline to operate from NMIA and we couldn't be more pleased to announce

this," said Pieter Elbers, Chief Executive Officer, IndiGo.

"This expansion underscores our dedication to catering to the evolving needs of our aspirational travellers," he added.

NMIA is being developed by Navi Mumbai International Airport Ltd (NMIAL), a joint venture between Adani Airport Holdings Ltd. (AAHL) with a 74 per cent stake, and CIDCO, the Maharashtra government's development body, owning the remaining 26 per cent. AAHL also owns Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL), which operates the existing Chhatrapati Shivaji



Vikram Mehta is new IndiGo Chairman

IndiGo, the country's largest airline, on Wednesday announced the appointment of Vikram Singh Mehta as the new Chairman, succeeding Venkataramani Sumantran.

Mehta has been a Member of the Board of InterGlobe Aviation Ltd (IndiGo) since May 2022.

Mehta, a former IAS officer, has also served as Chairman of the Shell Group of Companies in India and as CEO of Shell Markets and Shell Chemicals, Egypt. #

Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) in Mumbai.

CSMIA is among the busiest airports globally, handling over 45 million passengers annually. It faces significant congestion with limited scope for expansion due to surrounding urban development.

Due to safety concerns, MIAL plans to demolish Terminal 1 at CSMIA in November 2025 to construct a new one. During the reconstruction, approximately 5 million passengers will be shifted to Terminal 2 (T2), while the remaining 10 million will be accommodated at NMIA.



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THE FINANCIAL EXPRESS

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Vikram Singh Mehta appointed IndiGo chairman

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, May 28

INDIGO, THE COUNTRY'S largest airline, on Wednesday announced the appointment of Vikram Singh Mehta as the new chairman, succeeding Venkataramani Sumantran.

Mehta has been a member of the board of InterGlobe Aviation (IndiGo) since May 2022. In a release, IndiGo said Mehta succeeds Sumantran, who stepped down from the post after the completion of his five-year term as a board member.

Sumantran was appointed as the chairman in May 2022 and, post-Covid-19 pandemic, navigated the board during IndiGo's strong recovery and incredible growth over the past three years, the release said.

Mehta, who was an Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer, has served as chairman of the Shell Group of Companies in India and as CEO of Shell Markets and Shell Chemicals, Egypt, among other roles. He has also served on the boards of various companies.

A Mathematics graduate from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, Mehta also holds master's degrees in Politics and Economics from Oxford University and in Energy Economics from Tufts University.

Apart from Mehta, there are six members on the company's board, including co-founder Rahul Bhatia, as per information available on the IndiGo website.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, IndiGo promoter and co-founder Rakesh Gangwal and his family trust reduced their holdings by divesting a 5.72% stake in the airline for ₹11,564 crore through open market transactions. After the latest transaction, Gangwal's holding in InterGlobe Aviation declined to 4.7% from 5.30% and the Chinkerpoo Family Trust's to 3.08% from 8.23%.



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MUMBAI

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Air India helps desi mangoes expand realm

FPJ News Service

MUMBAI

Mango lovers worldwide were treated to a genuine taste of Indian summer as Air India transported close to 1,000 tonnes of fresh desi mangoes to Europe, North America and the Middle East. Air India maintained a cool cargo chain by controlling the temperature at 30,000 feet. Last month, the carrier delivered mangoes, including popular varieties like Alphonso from Maharashtra and Safeda and Dussehri from UP, in cities such as Toronto, San Francisco, Frankfurt, Tokyo and Sydney. Ramesh Mamidala, head of cargo at Air India, said, "WE handle mango shipments with the same care you'd reserve for glassware."



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THE INDIAN EXPRESS

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IndiGo appoints Vikram Mehta as chairman

New Delhi: IndiGo has announced appointment of Vikram Singh Mehta as the new chairman, succeeding Venkataramani Sumantran. **PTI**



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LOKSATYA

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खराब मौसम के कारण श्रीनगर हवाई अड्डे से दो उड़ानें हुई रद्द

श्रीनगर, लोकसत्य

जम्मू-कश्मीर में खराब मौसम के कारण मंगलवार शाम श्रीनगर अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे से दो उड़ान सेवाओं को रद्द किया गया है।

अधिकारियों ने बुधवार को यह जानकारी दी। हवाई अड्डे के अधिकारियों के अनुसार, चंडीगढ़ (आईएक्ससी) जाने वाली इंडिगो की उड़ान 6ई6041 और मुंबई (बीओएम) जाने वाली उड़ान 6ई215 को कश्मीर घाटी में खराब मौसम के कारण रद्द कर दिया गया।

हवाई अड्डे के अधिकारियों की ओर से जारी एक आधिकारिक बयान में कहा गया, "श्रीनगर में खराब मौसम के कारण दो उड़ानों को रद्द कर दिया गया है।" गौरतलब है कि इंडिगो की दिल्ली से श्रीनगर जा रही विमान को 21 मई को अचानक ओलावृष्टि का सामना करना पड़ा। विमान का अगला हिस्सा (रेडोम) बुरी तरह क्षतिग्रस्त

हो गया था। विमान में 200 से अधिक यात्री सवार थे लेकिन श्रीनगर में विमान को सुरक्षित उतार लिया गया। इस बीच, कल शाम को कश्मीर घाटी के कई हिस्सों में तेज हवाएँ चलीं और भारी बारिश तथा भारी ओलावृष्टि हुई, जिससे सामान्य जनजीवन अस्त-व्यस्त हो गया। सबसे ज्यादा प्रभावित इलाकों में से एक उत्तरी कश्मीर के कुपवाड़ा जिले का सीमावर्ती क्षेत्र करनाह रहा, जहाँ बादल फटने से अचानक बाढ़ आ गई और भारी नुकसान हुआ। एक स्वतंत्र मौसम पूर्वानुमानकर्ता ने कहा कि कल शाम 4:45 से 5:45 बजे के बीच, अचानक बादल फटने और अत्यधिक ओलावृष्टि ने 12 मेगावाट की करनाह जलविद्युत परियोजना को भी प्रभावित किया। मूसलाधार बारिश के कारण आसपास के ऊपरी इलाकों से पानी का बहाव बहुत ज्यादा बढ़ गया, जिससे परियोजना स्थल जलमग्न हो गया।

LOKSATYA

DELHI

29 MAY 2025

इंडिगो एयरलाइन के नए चेयरमैन होंगे विक्रम सिंह मेहता

- शेल केमिकल्स के मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी (सीईओ) के रूप में काम किया

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी।

देश की सबसे बड़ी एवं बजट एयरलाइन इंडिगो ने बुधवार को विक्रम सिंह मेहता को नए चेयरमैन के रूप में नियुक्त किया है, जो वेंकटरमणी सुमंत्रन का स्थान लेंगे। मेहता मई, 2022 से इंटरग्लोब एविएशन लिमिटेड (इंडिगो) के बोर्ड के सदस्य हैं। इंडिगो के चेयरमैन मेहता सुमंत्रन ने बोर्ड सदस्य के रूप में अपना पांच साल का कार्यकाल पूरा होने के बाद पद से इस्तीफा दे दिया था। सुमंत्रन को मई, 2022 में अध्यक्ष नियुक्त किया गया था। उन्होंने कोविड के बाद पिछले तीन वर्षों में इंडिगो की मजबूत रिकवरी और अविश्वसनीय वृद्धि के दौरान बोर्ड का मार्गदर्शन किया। नए



चेयरमैन विक्रम सिंह मेहता मई, 2022 से इंटरग्लोब एविएशन लिमिटेड (इंडिगो) के बोर्ड के सदस्य हैं। वे भारतीय प्रशासनिक सेवा (आईएएस) के अधिकारी हैं। उन्होंने भारत में शेल ग्रुप ऑफ कंपनीज के अध्यक्ष और मिस्र में शेल मार्केट्स और शेल केमिकल्स के मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी (सीईओ) के रूप में काम किया है। उन्होंने विभिन्न कंपनियों के बोर्ड में भी काम किया है। दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के सेंट स्टीफन कॉलेज से गणित में स्नातक मेहता ने ऑक्सफोर्ड विश्वविद्यालय से राजनीति और अर्थशास्त्र में तथा टफ्ट्स विश्वविद्यालय से ऊर्जा अर्थशास्त्र में स्नातकोत्तर उपाधि भी हासिल की है।



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Vikram Singh Mehta is IndiGo chairman

IndiGo, the country's largest airline, on Wednesday announced the appointment of Vikram Singh Mehta as the new Chairman, succeeding Venkataramani Sumantran. Mehta has been a Member of the Board of InterGlobe Aviation Ltd (IndiGo) since May 2022.

In a release, IndiGo said Mehta succeeds Sumantran, who stepped down from the post after the completion of his five-year term as a board member. Sumantran was appointed as the Chairman in May 2022 and, post-covid, navigated the Board during IndiGo's strong recovery and incredible growth over the past three years, the release said. Mehta, who was an Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer, has served as Chairman of the Shell Group of Companies in India and as CEO of Shell Markets and Shell Chemicals, Egypt, among other roles. He has also served on the boards of various companies.

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IGIA ranks among top 10 hubs in Asia-Pacific, Middle East

NEW DELHI: Delhi airport is among the top 10 hub airports in the Asia Pacific and Middle East regions, a report said on Wednesday.

The Airports Council International Asia-Pacific & Middle East's Air Connectivity Ranking 2024 showed a 14 per cent year-on-year increase in both Asia-Pacific and Middle East regions, driven by strong international demand, robust network recovery, and the return of major travel corridors.

Among the top 10 hub airports with connectivity leadership in 2024, Delhi airport is at the tenth spot, while the list is topped by Dubai International Airport, according to a release.

Shanghai Pudong International Airport (China) is at the second place, followed by Hamad International Airport (Qatar) and Incheon International Airport (South Korea) at the third and fourth positions, respectively.

Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (China) is at the fifth place, while Beijing Capital International Airport (China) is at the sixth spot.

Others in the list are Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport (Thailand) at the seventh posi-



tion followed by Singapore Changi Airport (Singapore) and Kuala Lumpur International Airport (Indonesia) at the eighth and ninth spots, respectively.

"The Hub Connectivity Index assesses an airport's ability to function as an international transfer point, using factors such as viable transfer windows, route deviation from direct flight paths, and the strength of onward connectivity," the release said.

Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) operates the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in the national capital.

Delhi airport provides connectivity to 153 destinations, including 81 domestic and 72 international routes. It is also in line with the government's endeavour to develop IGIA as a global transit hub, DIAL said in a separate release. **AGENCIES**



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28 MAY 2025

IndiGo promoters sell 5.72% stake in for ₹11,564 crore

NEW DELHI: InterGlobe Aviation promoter Rakesh Gangwal and his family trust on Tuesday trimmed their holdings by divesting a 5.72 per cent stake in the airline for Rs 11,564 crore through open market transactions.

A total of 2.21 crore equity shares or 5.72 per cent were offloaded by Gangwal and his family trust, the Chinkerpoo Family Trust, whose trustees are Shobha Gangwal and JP Morgan Trust Company of Delaware, as per the bulk deal data on the NSE.

According to the data, Rakesh Gangwal sold 22.10 lakh shares or 0.6 per cent stake in InterGlobe Aviation. In addition, the Chinkerpoo Family Trust disposed of nearly 1.99 crore shares in three tranches, representing a 5.15 per cent holding in Gurugram-based InterGlobe Aviation. The shares offloaded in the price range of Rs 5,230.99-5,235.31 apiece, taking the combined transaction value to Rs 11,563.79 crore. **PII**



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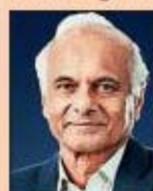
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IndiGo के नए बॉस विक्रम मेहता

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IndiGo ने बुधवार को विक्रम सिंह



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29 MAY 2025

IndiGo to operate inaugural flights from NMIA

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ Mumbai

In a formal announcement that marked the commencement of commercial flights from the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), IndiGo said on Wednesday that it would be the first private airline to operate commercial flights from the NMIA.

Ahead of the formal commissioning of the NMIA which will be thrown open to flight operations in the coming weeks, IndiGo and Adani Airport Holdings Ltd. (AAHL) entered into a tie-up that will facilitate the leading private airline to operate inaugural flights from the new Greenfield airport.

After it is commissioned, NMIA will serve as the second international airport for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), to be operated alongside the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) of Mumbai.

According to a tie-up formalised between the private airline and AAHL, IndiGo will operate 18 daily departure flights from NMIA, making it the first airline to commit to operating from NMIA at the start of commercial operations.

With 18 daily departures involving 36 Air Traffic Movements (ATMs) to over 15 cities from day one, IndiaGo will increase its operations to 79 daily departures (158 ATMs), including 14 international departures by November 2025.

This will build up to over 100 daily departures (200 daily ATMs) by March '26. IndiGo would further scale up operations to 140 daily departures (280

ATMs), including 30 international departures, by November 2026.

Indigo said that the partnership with AAHL would fuel aviation growth in the country, making it a key driver for India to become the third largest aviation market by 2030.

Pieter Elbers, Chief Executive Officer, IndiGo said: "IndiGo will be the inaugural airline to operate from NMIA and we couldn't be more pleased to announce this. Our alliance signals towards achievement of complete operational readiness on both sides to take next steps. This expansion underscores our dedication to catering to the evolving needs of our aspirational travellers and further contributing to the growth of India's booming aviation sector".

"The new flights from the brand-new NMIA will elevate the travel experience of our customers while enjoying affordable, on-time hassle-free services on our unparalleled network," Elbers said.

Arun Bansal, CEO, AAHL said, "We are delighted to announce IndiGo as the first airline partner to commence operations from NMIA. This partnership marks a major step towards confirming NMIA's position as a transfer hub for domestic and international travellers. Together, we are poised to transform the travel experience for millions of passengers, providing them both convenience and enhanced travel options. Our collaboration is set to strengthen NMIA's role as an aviation gateway for the region and for travellers nationally and internationally".



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Rakesh Gangwal, family trust sell 5.7 per cent stake in IndiGo for ₹11,559 crore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

InterGlobe Aviation promoter Rakesh Gangwal and his family trust on Tuesday sold a 5.7 per cent stake in the airline for about ₹11,559 crore (\$1.36 billion) through a block deal, according to sources. Following the stake sale, shares of InterGlobe Aviation slipped 2.20 per cent to trade at ₹5,301 apiece on the NSE in late afternoon trade.

Apart from Gangwal, the Chinkerpoo Family Trust, whose trustees are Shobha Gangwal and JP Morgan Trust Company of Delaware, has also participated in the transaction in the country's largest airline IndiGo, the sources said. Investment banking firms Goldman Sachs (India) Securities Pvt Ltd, Morgan Stanley India Company and JP Morgan India are the placement agents for the stake sale, they added. Before the latest transaction, Gangwal and the family trust together owned about 13.5 per cent in IndiGo.

As per the latest block deal, up to 2.21 crore equity shares were sold at a final price of ₹5,230.50 per share, as per a revised term sheet.

The total number of shares has been raised from the initial 13.2 million shares (1.32 crore shares) mentioned in the earlier term sheet. The final price is at a 3.5 per cent discount compared to the closing price of ₹5,420 per share on Monday.

The sources said 2.21 crore shares



amount to around 5.7 per cent stake in the company, and the offer size, based on the final price, is pegged at nearly \$1.36 billion or about ₹11,559 crore.

The share sale, executed through multiple tranches on BSE and NSE, is entirely secondary in nature. As part of the deal structure, a 150-day lock-up period will apply to the vendors and their immediate relatives, barring one exception — they may transfer shares worth at least \$300 million to a

single investor or investor group through a negotiated transaction, subject to certain pricing and lock-up conditions.

In August 2024, Rakesh Gangwal's family trust sold a 5.24 per cent stake in the airline for ₹9,549 crore. Before that, it had sold shares in March.

The share sale is part of Gangwal's decision in February 2022 to trim his shareholding after a bitter feud with co-founder Rahul Bhatia over alleged corporate governance

issues. Since February 2022, Gangwal and his wife Shobha Gangwal have been offloading their shares in IndiGo.

In September 2022, Rakesh Gangwal and Shobha Gangwal sold a 2.74 per cent shareholding for ₹2,005 crore. In February 2023, Shobha divested a 4 per cent stake in the company for ₹2,944 crore. Later in August, she sold a nearly 2.9 per cent stake in the company for a little over ₹2,800 crore.



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28 MAY 2025

Gangwal, family sell 5.7% stake in IndiGo for ₹11K cr

NEW DELHI, MAY 27

InterGlobe Aviation promoter Rakesh Gangwal and his family trust on Tuesday trimmed their holdings by divesting a 5.72 per cent stake in the airline for Rs 11,564 crore through open market transactions.

A total of 2.21 crore equity shares or 5.72 per cent were offloaded by Gangwal and his family trust, the Chinkerpoo Family Trust, whose trustees are Shobha Gangwal and JP Morgan Trust Company of Delaware, as per the bulk deal data on the NSE.

After the latest transaction, Rakesh Gangwal's holding in InterGlobe Aviation declined to 4.7 per cent from 5.30 per cent and the Chinkerpoo Family Trust's stake has also dipped to 3.08 per cent from 8.23 per cent in India's largest airline IndiGo.

Amid differences with co-founder Rahul Bhatia, Gangwal, in February 2022, resigned from the board of InterGlobe Aviation and Rakesh Gangwal said he would gradually reduce his equity stake over the next five years. — PTI