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Dabolim airport slips out of India's top 10 busiest airports

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Goa's Dabolim Airport has slipped out of the list of India's top 10 busiest airports in terms of domestic passenger traffic for April 2026, amid a wider decline in the state's overall air passenger movement during the first four months of the year.

According to data released by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and compiled by aviation platform Network Thoughts, Dabolim Airport had handled 5,08,785 domestic passengers in March 2026, briefly securing a place among the country's top 10 busiest airports.

However, the airport failed to retain its ranking in April

after passenger traffic declined, allowing Guwahati Airport to enter the top 10 list with 5,24,002 domestic passengers. Major metro airports including Bengaluru, Mumbai and Delhi continued to dominate the rankings with the highest passenger movement across the country.

The latest figures come at a time when Goa's overall air passenger traffic has recorded a significant fall between January and April 2026.

Data from the Ministry of Civil Aviation showed that total passenger traffic in Goa dropped from 11,82,316 passengers in January to 8,61,254 passengers in April, reflecting a decline of 3,21,062 passengers or around 27.2 per cent within three months.



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GMR Airports posts ₹400 cr net in March qtr

GMR Airports has swung into the black, posting a profit of ₹400.49 crore in three months ended March this year. The airports operator had incurred a loss of ₹252.66 crore in year-ago period. In the Q4 of FY26, income climbed to ₹4,042.90 crore from ₹2,976.76 crore in same period a year ago. It also posted a profit of ₹472 crore for full FY26 - the first time it has recorded full-year profitability in more than a decade.



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Bengaluru airport 'second busiest in India'

Aneesh Phadnis
Mumbai

Bengaluru has overtaken Mumbai to become the second busiest airport for domestic passenger traffic, the Airport Authority of India's April data show.

While capacity expansion at Bengaluru airport has enabled it to add more flights, Mumbai lost its second rank in April with the shifting of traffic to the Navi Mumbai airport. The Mumbai airport had previously dropped behind Bengaluru during the Covid-19 period that saw sharp restrictions on travel.

On an overall basis, however, the Mumbai airport leads Bengaluru due to a



higher share of international traffic.

DOMESTIC TRAFFIC

Domestic passenger traffic at Mumbai airport fell 12.1 per cent in April on a year-on-year basis to 2.89 million. Domestic aircraft movements in Mumbai were 3.3 per cent lower in April over

the same period last year.

Navi Mumbai airport, which began operations last December, has seen a 3x growth in domestic flights in the summer schedule. IndiGo tweaked its network, shifting some flights from Mumbai to Navi Mumbai. Destinations like Ayodhya, Agra, Hindon, Jabalpur and Tirupati, previously served from Mumbai, are now served from Navi Mumbai.

Last month, Navi Mumbai handled 5.24 lakh passengers, which was 2.3x growth over March. It is now the 10th busiest airport for domestic traffic. In April, Bengaluru airport handled 3.17 million domestic passengers, a slight decline of 0.2 per cent over the same period last year.

"The Covid-19 pandemic period was exceptional. If you exclude that, Bengaluru airport has beaten Mumbai in domestic traffic for the first time," said an industry analyst.

While the Mumbai airport suffers from capacity constraints, Bengaluru has seen expansion with the opening of a second runway in 2019 and a second terminal in 2022. In FY25 and FY26, the Bengaluru airport witnessed faster growth in domestic traffic than Delhi and Mumbai.

"Air India group and IndiGo have made Bengaluru their third hub. In fact, Bengaluru is IndiGo's second biggest hub after Delhi," the analyst added.



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GMR Airports posts ₹400 crore profit in Q4

New Delhi: GMR Airports Ltd (GAL) posted a profit of ₹400.49 crore in the March quarter. It had incurred a loss of ₹252.66 crore in the year-ago period. In the fourth quarter of FY26, total income climbed to ₹4,042.90 crore (₹2,976.76 crore). For the year ended March 2026, the company posted a profit of ₹472 crore — the first time it has recorded full-year profit in more than a decade. »



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UP starts e-bus services to Jewar airport, CM wants 'public transport in place' by June 15

Amit Vijay Mohile
Mumbai

Uttar Pradesh has begun rolling out electric buses for the upcoming Jewar International Airport, with the first 110 buses expected to connect it with metro stations, Noida, Greater Noida and key residential and commercial hubs ahead of the flight operations starting June 15.

Officials are also planning to scale the network to 500 electric buses across the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) region, the industrial and infrastructure corridor surrounding the Jewar airport, signalling the start of a much larger Statewide electric public transport expansion that could eventually see 4,000-5,000 e-buses operating across Uttar Pradesh over the next few years.

While chairing the fourth meeting of the State Trans-



OVERSEEING CHANGE. UP CM Yogi Adityanath chairing the fourth meeting of the State Transformation Commission

formation Commission on Thursday, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the public transport system around Jewar airport should be fully strengthened before the start of flight operations.

3-LAYER EXPANSION

The expansion is unfolding across three layers. First is the existing municipal base. Under the earlier FAME-II allocations and State transport programmes, Uttar Pradesh deployed around 740 electric buses across cities.

Additional procurement over the last 18 months is estimated to have pushed the operational footprint beyond 1,200 buses.

Second is the Jewar-YEIDA expansion, where the airport-linked network is expected to integrate metro connectivity, airport transfers and industrial worker mobility. The third and potentially biggest growth driver is the Centre's PM-eBus Sewa scheme, which aims to deploy 10,000 electric buses nationally.

With one of the country's largest concentrations of cities with population above three lakh, Lucknow, Kanpur, Ghaziabad, Gorakhpur, Jhansi, Ayodhya and Firozabad have secured allocations under the scheme. Industry estimates suggest that Uttar Pradesh alone could receive between 2,500 and 3,000 additional e-buses through gross cost contract tenders that are currently under implementation.

EXPRESSWAYS & HUBS

Alongside the electric bus review, the Chief Minister directed faster land acquisition for multiple projects including the Agra-Lucknow-Purvanchal Link Expressway, the Jewar Link Expressway and the Jhansi Link Expressway.

The meeting also reviewed logistics hubs, defence corridor investments and an agri export hub planned near Jewar airport.



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DAINIK JAGRAN

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आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर आरडीई लगाने की प्रक्रिया की गई शुरू

वोहत कुजर मित्रा • जगरण

नई दिल्ली: देश के सबसे व्यस्त इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट (आइजीआईए) की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानकों के अनुरूप और अधिक सुदृढ़ बनाने के लिए केंद्र सरकार और एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन एजेंसी डायल ने बड़ा कदम उठाया है। भविष्य की चुनौतियों को देखते हुए किसी भी संभावित परमाणु खतरे, रेडियोधर्मी सामग्री की तस्करी, आतंकी घटनाओं और बम की आशंकाओं को शून्य करने के लिए तीन स्तरों पर नए सुरक्षा कवच जोड़े जा रहे हैं। एयरपोर्ट सूत्रों के मुताबिक, इन तीनों आधुनिक प्रणालियों (आरडीई, ब्लास्ट बिन और बीडीएसएस बस) को इस तरह

इमरजेंसी रिसांस् के लिए वीडीडिएस बस की तैनाती

तीसरे बड़े मोर्चे के तहत एयरपोर्ट पर बम डिस्पोजल एंड डिटेक्शन स्क्वाड बस के लिए भी टेंडर निकाल गया है। यह सीआइएसएफ और सुरक्षा एजेंसियों का एक चलता-फिरता कमांड सेंटर होगी, जो किसी भी

लावारिस वस्तु या इमरजेंसी काल पर तुरंत एक्शन में आएगी। इस हाइटेक बस में रोबोटिक रिमोट क्लीकल, एक्स-रे स्कैनर, बम सूट और लाइव बम को सुरक्षित रखने के लिए कुलिश कैंज जैसे उपकरण मौजूद रहेंगे।

ईटीग्रेट किया जा रहा है कि बहुत हवाई ट्रैफिक के बीच सुरक्षा का स्तर और ऊंचा हो सके और यात्रियों की चेकिंग बिना किसी रुकावट के सुचारु रूप से चलती रहे।

परमाणु और रेडियोधर्मी खतरे पर नजर रखेगी आरडीई तकनीक: यूरो आफ सिविल एविएशन सिक्योरिटी

के दिशा-निर्देशों के तहत एयरपोर्ट पर अत्याधुनिक रेडियोलॉजिकल डिटेक्शन इक्विपमेंट (आरडीई) लगाने की प्रक्रिया शुरू हो गई है। ये संवेदनशील मशीनें कार्गो टर्मिनल, बहनों के प्रवेश द्वारों और यात्री सामान स्क्रीनिंग एरिया में तैनात की जा रही हैं। यदि कोई संदिग्ध

यूरेनियम या कोबाल्ट जैसे घातक तत्वों को किसी बैग या बंद कंटेनर में छिपाकर भी लाता है, तो यह मशीन बिना उसे खोले उसके अदृश्य विकिरण को भांपकर सुरक्षा एजेंसियों को अलर्ट कर देगी। यह वैश्विक स्तर पर बढ़ते 'डर्टी बम' के खतरे से निपटने में मददगार साबित होगा।

सुरक्षा को जमीनी स्तर पर और पुख्ता करने के लिए भारी भीड़भाड़ वाले टर्मिनल-1 के लिए ब्लास्ट कंटेनमेंट बिन की सप्लाइ का टेंडर जारी किया गया है। बैलिस्टिक स्टील और कंपोजिट फाइबर से बने ये विशेष बिन आम डस्टबिन की तरह दिखते हैं, लेकिन यदि इनके अंदर कोई टाइम बम या आइडीडी रखकर धमका किया जाए, तो ये उसका पूरी ऊर्जा को सोख लेते हैं।



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Art at the airport

Paresh Maity's paintings and installation at the Noida International Airport let you carry back a slice of cultural memory



Heritage on walls Artist Paresh Maity at NIA with his latest artwork.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Soma Basu

Airports are for making connections between destinations. But when Padma Shri awardee and painter Paresh Maity brings his art to a modern hi-tech building, the generic transit hub turns into a welcoming and engaging space.

Maity believes that airports make for a unique venue and allow artists to introduce cultural richness to people who may not be from the region. Two years ago, he was commissioned for a project at the upcoming Noida International Airport (NIA) at Jewar in Uttar Pradesh. And, he has come up with what he is best known for – his skill with oil and acrylic on canvas.

When the NIA becomes partially operational from June 15 with its first flight to Bengaluru, passengers can experience Maity's artistry in the main hall of

the terminal and carry with them memories of places the State is famous for. He has done a series of six paintings that merge into a single monumental 8x100 ft canvas titled Jagriti (Awakening).

What makes his work unique is his colour palette that intuitively moves between the panels depicting the Taj Mahal in Agra to the Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj. The vibrant visual narrative also creates scenes from the ghats of Varanasi, the Dhamek Stupa of Sarnath, the Kusum Sarovar near Goverdhan Hill in Mathura, and



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the old city of Ayodhya. The panels are connected by the sacred water bodies – Ganga, Yamuna, Saraswati, and the Sarayu. The flow of water and the marvel of sunlight are painted in a way that they appear to move seamlessly from one painting to the next, which starts with the temple-lined ghats in Benares and ends with the vigour of the biggest gathering of faith, the Mahakumbh. "If you look at the panel, you will see the serenity of our culturally significant places, and feel the spiritual energy," Maity says. The panel speaks in a distinct visual language of colours reminding viewers of love, simplicity, detachment and legacy.

Maity has also done a 12-and-half-foot experiential installation, the Mystic Abode, with 8,500 brass bells. In the shape of a hut, it is an interactive space – with the gentle sounds of bells playing in the background. "It represents India's spiritual and cultural energy. Bells ring in positivity and create a meditative sensation. People can pause and sit inside to contemplate," says Maity.

His earlier works can be seen at T3 in Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, where he created an 850-foot-long continuous mural, The Indian Odyssey, that highlights India's festivals and monuments. At Terminal 1, he has five sculptures, including The Sound of Silence, using brass and copper alloy bells to create a human face. Airports are the finest art galleries that give free access to art for all. The immersive public art not only creates a culture-connect but also helps to ease travel anxieties and reduce stress due to delayed flights.

"Art is universal and meant for all. In Noida airport, I have created the culture and spirit of Uttar Pradesh," says the artist.

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GMR Airports ups lead over Adani on Delhi tariff boost

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GMR Airports Ltd outpaced rival Adani Airports Holdings Ltd in FY26 revenue growth, aided by revised tariffs for international passengers at Delhi airport, widening its lead among India's private airport operators.

GMR Airports reported 40% revenue growth in FY26, while Adani Airports Holdings Ltd posted 28% growth, as per firm disclosures. The differing performance reflects the contrasting expansion and monetization strategies of India's two largest private airport operators.

GMR, which operates Delhi, Hyderabad and Mopa airports, also brought forward the opening of its fourth airport at Bhogapuram in Andhra Pradesh to the July-September quarter from October-December. It is also planning to take over operations of Nagpur airport around the same period.

Adani Airports, a wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Ltd, operates eight airports, including Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Thiruvananthapuram, Guwahati and Mangalore.

GMR Airports reported total revenue of ₹15,200 crore in the year ended March 2026, compared with ₹10,836 crore in the previous year. Adani Airports posted ₹13,081 crore, up from ₹10,224 crore in FY25.

Total revenue or income for GMR Airports includes revenue from operations and other income.

For GMR, growth was driven largely by tariff revisions at Delhi airport, which allowed differentiated user development fees (UDF) for international passengers across travel classes, including economy, premium economy, business



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The tariff change drove a 178% jump in aeronautical revenues at Delhi in FY26. Aero revenues at Hyderabad and Goa were flat or declined.

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in FY25. Adani Airports reported a profit of ₹1,427 crore, versus a ₹5 crore loss a year earlier.

Adani Airports does not separately disclose net profit as it is unlisted.

Passenger traffic growth was modest across both operators. GMR handled

port, while roughly one in four used an Adani-run facility.

"We expect to see a 5-6% increase in passenger traffic including the addition of two new airports to our portfolio, Bhogapuram and Nagpur. Bhogapuram is a greenfield airport which we look forward to adding in Q2FY27 and around the same time we will take over Nagpur airport operations," said Saurabh Chawla, chief financial officer, at GMR Airports, during the post-results investor call on Thursday.

Capex across Bhogapuram, Nagpur and ongoing real estate projects at Delhi is pegged at about ₹1,400 crore for the current fiscal.

"We expect the first quarter to be soft for GMR Airports primarily because of the impact of war in the Middle East (West Asia). Airlines are reducing domestic capacities so there will be an impact of these cancellations on passenger traffic," said Ankita Shah, vice president at brokerage firm Elara Capital.

"Passenger traffic growth is expected in the later half of the year. In Q2 (FY27), the airport operator will add two airports to its portfolio. So that should add around 4 million passengers and a 2-odd million incremental growth from existing three airports," she explained.

Shah said GMR Airports has a different portfolio compared with Adani Airports in terms of "profile of the assets" and "stage of lifecycle of the airports". She noted GMR's investments in Delhi expansion, while Hyderabad and Mopa are greenfield airports. Adani, she said, has taken over "operating assets" barring Navi Mumbai.

"GMR has and is investing in the three airports, including the next phase of capacity additions. So the cost of recovery of the capex is spread out over a period of time with an impact on the earnings," Shah added.

FLYING HIGH

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business, while Hyderabad and Goa together contributed about 20%. The remaining 30% came from other income and its share in joint ventures, associates and subsidiaries.

GMR Airports also swung to profitability, posting a profit before tax of ₹472 crore compared with a ₹816.9 crore loss

in FY25. Adani Airports recorded 95.3 million passengers, also up 1%.

Across India, passenger traffic stood at 420.9 million in FY26, according to Airports Authority of India (AAI) data. More than one in three air travellers passed through a GMR-operated air-

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PUNJAB KESARI

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(बीडीडीएस) बस को एयरपोर्ट सुरक्षा नेटवर्क का हिस्सा बनाया जा रहा है। ब्यूरो ऑफ सिविल एविएशन सिक्योरिटी के दिशा-निर्देशों के तहत एयरपोर्ट पर अत्याधुनिक आरडीई मशीनें लगाने की प्रक्रिया शुरू कर दी गई है। इन संवेदनशील उपकरणों को कार्गो टर्मिनल, वाहनों के प्रवेश द्वार और सामान स्क्रीनिंग क्षेत्रों में लगाया जाएगा। यदि कोई व्यक्ति यूरैनियम, कोबाल्ट या

अन्य रेडियोधर्मी पदार्थ को बैग या कंटेनर में छिपाकर लाने की कोशिश करता है, तो यह तकनीक बिना खोले ही उसके रेडिएशन को पकड़ लेगी और सुरक्षा एजेंसियों को अलर्ट भेजेगी। अधिकारियों का मानना है कि यह व्यवस्था 'डर्टी बम' जैसे संभावित खतरों से निपटने में अहम भूमिका निभाएगी। एयरपोर्ट के भीड़भाड़ वाले टर्मिनल-1 पर सुरक्षा को और मजबूत करने के लिए ब्लास्ट कंटेनमेंट बिन लगाए जाएंगे। विशेष बैलिस्टिक स्टील और कंपोजिट फाइबर से बने ये बिन सामान्य डस्टबिन की तरह दिखाई देंगे, लेकिन यदि इनमें कोई विस्फोटक सामग्री रखकर धमाका किया जाता है तो यह उसकी ऊर्जा को भीतर ही नियंत्रित कर लेंगे। इससे धमाके के टुकड़े बाहर नहीं फैलेंगे और आसपास मौजूद यात्रियों की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित होगी। इसके अलावा एयरपोर्ट पर अत्याधुनिक बम डिस्पोजल एंड डिटेक्शन स्क्वायड बस की भी तैनाती की जाएगी।



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THE TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

28 MAY 2026

Airport lift crash

■ **CALCUTTA:** Sk Moidul Rehman, 51, one of the three workers injured when a lift under maintenance collapsed at Calcutta airport on Tuesday, died on Wednesday. The injured had been admitted to Charnock Hospital. Airport sources said that compensation would be paid to Rehman's family.



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AMAR UJALA

DELHI

29 MAY 2026

एयर इंडिया उड़ान का निलंबन इस्राइल के लिए जुलाई तक बढ़ा

यरूशलम। पश्चिम एशिया में भू-राजनीतिक अनिश्चितताओं के बीच, एयर इंडिया ने बृहस्पतिवार को घोषणा की कि वह तेल अविव-दिल्ली मार्ग पर अपनी उड़ानें जुलाई के अंत तक स्थगित रखेगी। उसने जून अंत तक उड़ानें स्थगित करने की घोषणा की थी, लेकिन क्षेत्र में मौजूदा सुरक्षा स्थिति पर कोई स्पष्टता न होने के कारण इस मार्ग पर अपनी उड़ानें एक माह तक और स्थगित कर दीं। एजेंसी



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DELHI

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AI to cut domestic flights by 20% in June-August on high fuel costs

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

Tata Group-promoted Air India will temporarily rationalise operations by 20 per cent on select domestic routes between June and August amid high fuel costs, sources told *businessline*.

At present, Air India operates 3,600 domestic flights per week. The reduction, sources said, is expected to impact more than 750 frequencies per week.

"Over 40 per cent of operational costs come from fuel, which is the most expensive component. The exponential rise in prices has led to this decision," sources told *businessline*.

Accordingly, the move extends adjustments already announced for certain international services.

"The upcoming lean travel season, coupled with high ATF costs, has led to the decision to reduce frequencies on domestic routes," sources said.

The sectors likely to witness lower frequencies include Mumbai-Ahmedabad, Mumbai-Nagpur, Mumbai-Patna, Mumbai-Bhopal, Delhi-Hyderabad, Delhi-Bengaluru and Delhi-Kolkata.



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High fuel prices push Air India to slash over 20% domestic flights

SCALING DOWN. Temporary rationalisation will continue between June and August, says Tata-backed carrier

Rohit Vaid
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LEAN SEASON

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tremely high ATF (air turbine fuel) costs, has led to the decision to reduce frequencies on domestic routes," sources said.

The airline is set to scale down flight frequencies on a number of metro and tier 2 sectors, while continuing operations on all affected routes.

The sectors likely to witness lower frequencies include Mumbai-Ahmedabad, Mumbai-Nagpur, Mumbai-Patna, Mumbai-Bhopal, Delhi-Hyderabad, Delhi-Bengaluru and Delhi-Kolkata.

FREQUENCY CUT

Besides, sources indicated that the airline's earlier curtailment of select international operations had moderated connecting domestic passenger traffic through key transit hubs such as Delhi and Mumbai.

On its part, the airline said the move involves a reduction in frequencies on select domestic routes during the



SERVICES HIT. The reduction is expected to impact more than 750 frequencies per week

three-month period beginning June 1.

"In continuation of our previously announced adjustments to select international services between June and August 2026, we have temporarily rationalised operations on certain domestic routes during the same period, with a reduction in frequencies on select routes," an Air India spokesperson said.

FUEL PRICES

The airline said it would continue to monitor demand and operating conditions

closely, with a view to restoring frequencies once conditions stabilise.

Earlier this month, Air India suspended flights on six international routes.

Notably, *businessline* was the first to report on the airline's plans to temporarily suspend all flights to certain destinations such as Chicago. Furthermore, Air India reduced frequencies across several overseas routes between June and August 2026.

The airline's international operations have been impacted by high jet fuel prices,

prolonged airspace restrictions and geopolitical disruptions.

SUSPENDED ROUTES

At that time, Air India had said the latest adjustments were aimed at improving network stability and minimising last-minute inconvenience to passengers during the peak travel season.

In addition, as part of the revised international schedule, Air India has suspended flights on six overseas routes through August.

These include Delhi-Chicago, Delhi-Shanghai, Chennai-Singapore, Mumbai-Dhaka, Delhi-Malé and Mumbai-New York (JFK) services.

Meanwhile, Delhi-Newark services will remain temporarily suspended during the period.

Despite these reductions, the airline had said it will continue operating more than 1,200 international flights every month across five continents.



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BUSINESS LINE

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28 MAY 2026

Boeing to up production of 737 models

Boeing is increasing 737 production to 47 jets a month, up from 42, after consulting with the Federal Aviation Administration, Boeing CEO Kelly Ortberg said on Wednesday. "We're off and rolling at the 47 rate, and we should be there in the next couple months," Ortberg said. The company aims to move to 52 jets a month early next year, after Boeing opens a fourth 737 production line in Everett, Washington. "I think the whole world's watching to make sure we make (rate) 47 and 52," Ortberg said. REUTERS

Delhi-San Francisco Air India flight returns mid-way

Our Bureau
New Delhi

An Air India flight operating from Delhi to San Francisco returned to the national capital on Wednesday after the crew detected a technical snag while approaching Chinese airspace, sources told *businessline*.

The Boeing 777 aircraft, carrying 230 passengers, had already been airborne for nearly three hours when the issue was identified.

Speaking to *businessline*,

airline sources said the crew decided to return to Delhi as a precautionary measure in line with the standard operating procedures (SOP).

RETURN JOURNEY

The return journey to Delhi took another three-and-a-half hours approximately.

Before landing, the aircraft remained airborne for close to an hour to carry out fuel jettison procedures in accordance with the SOP, taking the total airborne time to nearly eight hours.

"The fuel jettison was car-



ried out because a long-haul aircraft like the 777 departs at a very high take-off weight with large fuel reserves for an ultra long-haul destina-

tion like San Francisco," airline sources told *businessline*.

On its part, the airline confirmed that the aircraft had returned to Delhi following a technical issue.

"Flight AI173 from Delhi to San Francisco on May 27 has returned to Delhi due to a technical issue in accordance with the laid down procedures. The aircraft landed safely and will undergo technical inspection in line with Air India's safety standards," an Air India spokesperson said.

According to the spokes-

man, alternative arrangements were being made to fly passengers to their destination at the earliest.

ALTERNATIVE PLANS

"Our ground teams are providing all necessary assistance to the passengers, including refreshments, hotel accommodation or re-scheduling as opted for by them."

"The safety and well-being of passengers and crew remain Air India's highest priority," the spokesperson added.



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BUSINESS STANDARD

DELHI

28 MAY 2026

Air India to cut flights from June

DEEPAK PATEL
New Delhi, 27 May

Tata group-owned Air India will reduce both domestic and international flights from June to August this year due to high fuel prices amid the ongoing West Asia conflict, the airline said on Wednesday.

Business Standard reported on Tuesday that Air India recorded the sharpest percentage reduction in domestic operations among all Indian

carriers. The full-service carrier is scheduled to operate 2,655 weekly domestic flights in June 2026, down from 3,696 in June 2025, a decline of over 28 per cent, according to aviation analytics firm Cirium's data.

Air India, in a statement on Wednesday said: "In continuation of our previously announced adjustments to select international services between June and August 2026, we have temporarily rationalised operations on certain domestic routes during the

same period, with a reduction in frequencies on select routes."

"These adjustments are driven by the sustained impact of high fuel prices on overall operations. Air India will continue to monitor demand and operating conditions closely, with a view to restoring frequencies as conditions stabilise," it added. Passengers impacted by these changes will be proactively assisted with reaccommodation, complementary date changes, or full refunds, it said.



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28 MAY 2026

A-I flight to San Francisco returns due to technical snag

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, 27 May

An Air India flight bound for San Francisco returned to New Delhi on Wednesday after developing a technical snag mid-flight, forcing the aircraft to turn back after spending more than eight hours in the air, according to the airline and flight-tracking data.

The aircraft, with around 230 passengers onboard, had been airborne for more than three hours and was flying through Chinese airspace before diverting back toward Delhi.

Flight AI173, operated by a Boeing 777-300ER carrying around 230 passengers, departed Delhi for San Francisco before returning to the Indian capital in line with standard safety procedures, Air India said in a statement.

"The aircraft landed safely and will undergo technical inspection in line with Air India's safety standards," the airline said.

Air India said it was arranging alternative flights for passengers and providing assistance, including refreshments, hotel accommodation and rescheduling options.

The airline did not specify the nature of the technical issue.



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DAINIK BHASKAR

DELHI

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एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस: 50% तक छूट पर 50 लाख सीटें

नई दिल्ली | एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने 27 से 31 मई तक के लिए 'एक्सप्रेस सेल' शुरू किया है। इसमें 50 लाख सीट्स पर देश-विदेश की उड़ानों पर 50% तक छूट दी जा रही है। 15 जून से 10 अक्टूबर 2026 तक यात्रा के लिए बुकिंग खुली है। वेबसाइट और एप पर जीरो कन्वीनियंस फीस का भी फायदा मिलेगा। इस तरीके से कंपनी बाजार हिस्सेदारी बढ़ाना चाहती है।

यात्रियों के लिए 28 टचप्वाइंट पर एअर इंडिया दे रहा ध्यान

गौतम कुमर मिश्रा • जागरण

नई दिल्ली: एअर इंडिया अब यात्रियों की यात्रा को सिर्फ उड़ान तक सीमित नहीं मान रही, बल्कि पूरी एंड-टू-एंड कस्टमर जर्नी के रूप में देख रही है। एअर इंडिया ने यात्रियों के अनुभव से जुड़े 28 से अधिक टचप्वाइंट्स चिह्नित किए हैं, जिनमें यात्रा की योजना बनाने से लेकर टिकट बुकिंग, एयरपोर्ट पहुंचना, चेक-इन, सुरक्षा जांच, लॉर्डज, बोर्डिंग, इन-फ्लाइट सेवाएं, बैगेज, कनेक्टिंग फ्लाइट्स और यात्रा के बाद फीडबैक तक हर चरण शामिल है।

एअर इंडिया के मुख्य ग्राहक अनुभव अधिकारी राजेश डोगरा का कहना है कि कंपनी यात्रियों की

- एअर इंडिया के मुख्य ग्राहक अनुभव अधिकारी राजेश डोगरा से विशेष बातचीत
- बोले- एयरलाइन अपने पुराने विमानों के केबिन को पूरी तरह रिट्रोफिट कर रही है

सहूलियत के लिए कई ऐतिहासिक कदम उठा रही है। एयरलाइन का मानना है कि हर टचप्वाइंट यात्री के अनुभव को प्रभावित करता है। इसी वजह से एअर इंडिया अब उन क्षेत्रों पर विशेष ध्यान दे रही है जहां ग्राहक अनुभव का सबसे अधिक प्रभाव पड़ता है, जैसे कि डिजिटल सेवाएं, ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग, इन-फ्लाइट एम्बियंस,



राजेश डोगरा

भोजन एवं फैंस सेवाएं व क्रू सर्विस।

यात्रियों के अनुभव को बेहतर बनाने के लिए एअर इंडिया अपने पुराने विमानों के केबिन को पूरी तरह रिट्रोफिट कर रही है। इन विमानों में नई और अधिक आरामदायक सीटें, अत्याधुनिक इन-फ्लाइट एंटरटेनमेंट सिस्टम और बेहतर लेगस्पास जैसी सुविधाएं जोड़ी जा रही हैं। एअर

इंडिया ने अपने ग्राहक सेवा नेटवर्क को भी मजबूत किया है। एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों को लंबी कतारों से राहत देने के लिए सेल्फ-सर्विस कियोस्क और आटोमैटेड बैग ड्रॉप जैसी डिजिटल प्रक्रियाओं को तेजी से बढ़ावा दिया जा रहा है। बैगेज ट्रांसफर और कनेक्टिंग फ्लाइट सपोर्ट को भी अधिक सुचारु बनाया जा रहा है।

डोगरा ने कहा एअर इंडिया यात्रियों द्वारा अर्जित किए गए रिवार्ड प्वाइंट्स को अब पहले से कहीं अधिक आसान व पारदर्शी तरीके से इस्तेमाल किया जा सकता है। यात्री अब आसानी से अपने प्वाइंट्स का उपयोग टिकट बुकिंग या इकोनामी से बिजनेस क्लास अपग्रेड जैसी सुविधाओं के लिए कर सकते हैं।

McKinsey to help Air India draft turnaround plan

DEV CHATTERJEE
Mumbai, May 28

THE BOARD OF Tata Sons was briefed on Air India's turnaround plans on May 26, with inputs from global consulting firm McKinsey & Company, according to persons familiar with the matter.

The airline is undergoing a sweeping transformation as it seeks to pare losses of ₹ 26,800 crore reported in FY26. The board was informed that Air India may continue to remain loss-making over the next three years, with the Iran conflict, elevated fuel prices, delays in fleet renewal and the cabin retrofit programme weighing on operations.

A person aware of the developments said McKinsey is assisting the Tata Group airline in improving operational capabilities and reducing losses. Nearly four years after its acquisition in 2022 under the government's privatisation programme, a sustained turn

RECOVERY ROUTE

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■ Iran conflict, elevated fuel prices, delays in fleet renewal and cabin retrofit programme weigh on operations



around has remained elusive, underlining the need for external expertise, the person added. McKinsey declined to comment on the mandate, while an email sent to Tata Sons and Air India did not elicit a response.

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McKinsey to help Air India

THE AIRLINE IS planning to unlock new revenue opportunities and improve operational efficiencies while strengthening customer support, enhancing business planning and minimising disruptions. It also plans to scale productivity across the organisation by reducing manual work and deploying reusable AI agents across functions, according to the turnaround plan. The initiative includes building a high-performance digital team in India to drive the transformation.

The briefing to the Tata Sons board assumes significance as the airline is expected to require additional capital support from its shareholders. Apart from the Tata Group, Singapore Airlines holds a 25.1% stake in the airline.

Apart from rising fuel prices, Air India's operations remain exposed to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, as lease rentals and maintenance expenses — which account for 20-25% of operating costs — are denominated in US dollars. The airline partly offsets this through international foreign-currency revenue, which acts as a natural hedge, along with a currency hedging programme introduced in 2024.

As Air India scales back parts of its international and domestic operations from June, it is expected to generate lower forex revenue in the current fiscal year, the source said.

The Tata Group has already committed billions of dollars towards reviving Air India through aircraft purchases, fleet refurbishment, technology upgrades and the expansion of international operations. The airline currently has around 600 aircraft on order, including 30 Boeing 737 MAX aircraft ordered in January 2026. It has also reduced the average age of employees from 54 years to 36 years and is planning to recruit a new chief executive officer for the next phase of the transformation.



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AIR INDIA AGAIN EXTENDS ISRAEL FLIGHT PAUSE



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in West Asia,

Air India on Thursday said it is extending its suspension of operations on the Tel Aviv-Delhi route till July end. Earlier this month, it had announced suspension till June end but with no clarity on the prevailing situation in the region.



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HINDUSTAN

DELHI

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सात फ्लाइटों की लखनऊ डायवर्ट

लखनऊ। दिल्ली-एनसीआर में गुरुवार की रात अचानक बदले मौसम और धूलभरी आंधी-बारिश के कारण कई फ्लाइटें वहां उतर नहीं सकीं।

दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट पर दृश्यता कम होने और उड़ानों के संचालन ठप होने से एक के बाद सात विमानों को लखनऊ अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट पर डायवर्ट किया गया। इस दौरान कुछ विमानों में ईंधन की कमी हुई, तो वहीं बेंगलुरु से आ रहे एक विमान में बुजुर्ग यात्री की तबियत बिगड़ गई। ऐसे में उसे प्राथमिकता पर लखनऊ में उतारा गया।



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विदेश यात्रा नहीं करेंगे नरेश गोयल

■ NBT रिपोर्ट, मुंबई: जेट एयरवेज के संस्थापक नरेश गोयल ने बॉम्बे हाई कोर्ट को बताया है कि वे छुट्टियों के बाद अदालत के शुरू होने तक लंदन की यात्रा नहीं करेंगे। वकील ने कोर्ट को बताया कि गोयल के खिलाफ लुक-आउट सर्कुलर पेडिंग है, जिस पर रोक के लिए आवेदन करने पड़ेगे। बेंच ने सुनवाई 10 जून तक स्थगित कर दी। ईडी ने गोयल को नवंबर 2023 में कैनरा बैंक के 538.62 करोड़ रुपये के कर्ज न लौटाने और मनी लॉन्ड्रिंग के आरोप में गिरफ्तार किया था। गोयल फिलहाल बेल पर है।

जून-अगस्त के बीच उड़ानों की संख्या होगी कम

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) : देश की प्रमुख एयरलाइंस कंपनियों ने घरेलू उड़ानों में कटौती का फैसला लिया है, जिसका असर आने वाले महीनों में हवाई यात्रियों पर साफ दिखाई दे सकता है। जून से अगस्त के बीच कई व्यस्त रूटों पर उड़ानों की संख्या कम की जाएगी। एयर इंडिया और इंडिगो ने अलग-अलग कारण बताते हुए यह कदम उठाया है, लेकिन यात्रियों के लिए इससे टिकट महंगे होने और विकल्प सीमित होने की आशंका बढ़ गई है। एयर इंडिया ने घरेलू उड़ानों में करीब 22 प्रतिशत तक कटौती की घोषणा की है। कंपनी का कहना है कि एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल (एटीएफ) की बढ़ती कीमतों के कारण परिचालन लागत काफी बढ़ गई है, जिसके चलते कई रूटों पर उड़ानों की संख्या घटानी पड़ रही है। वहीं इंडिगो ने कहा है कि जून से सितंबर के बीच कुछ सेक्टरों में यात्रियों की



फाइल फोटो

मांग कम रहने के कारण उड़ानों में कमी की जा रही है। दिल्ली और मुंबई जैसे देश के सबसे व्यस्त एयरपोर्ट्स पर इसका सबसे ज्यादा असर देखने को मिलेगा। जानकारी के अनुसार दिल्ली से हैदराबाद, बेंगलुरु और कोलकाता जाने वाली उड़ानों के फेरों में कमी की जाएगी। वहीं मुंबई से अहमदाबाद, नागपुर, पटना और भोपाल के लिए संचालित होने वाली कई उड़ानों की संख्या घटाई जा सकती है। दक्षिण भारत के

कई शहरों से संचालित रिटर्न फ्लाइट्स पर भी इसका असर पड़ने की संभावना है।

हालांकि एयरलाइंस कंपनियों ने स्पष्ट किया है कि किसी भी रूट पर सेवाएं पूरी तरह बंद नहीं की जाएंगी, बल्कि केवल उड़ानों की संख्या कम होगी। जिन यात्रियों ने पहले से टिकट बुक कर रखे हैं, उन्हें दूसरी उड़ानों में समायोजित करने, बिना अतिरिक्त शुल्क तारीख बदलने या पूरा रिफंड देने जैसे विकल्प उपलब्ध कराए

जाएंगे। मीडिया रिपोर्ट्स के मुताबिक जिन उड़ानों को जून से अगस्त के बीच रद्द या सीमित किया जाना है, उन्हें एयरलाइंस की आधिकारिक वेबसाइटों और ऑनलाइन ट्रेवल पोर्टल्स से हटाया जा चुका है।

ऐसे में यात्री अब उन उड़ानों में नई बुकिंग नहीं कर पाएंगे। उड़ानों की संख्या घटने से सीटों की उपलब्धता कम होगी, जबकि मांग बनी रहने पर किराए में और बढ़ोतरी हो सकती है। एयरलाइंस कंपनियां पहले ही कई रूटों पर 400 से 450 रुपये तक का फ्यूल सरचार्ज लगा चुकी हैं। कुछ सेक्टरों में किराए 40 से 50 प्रतिशत तक बढ़ने की बात भी सामने आई है। एविएशन विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि यदि एटीएफ की कीमतों में जल्द राहत नहीं मिली तो आने वाले समय में हवाई सफर और महंगा हो सकता है।



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IndiGo to cut domestic flight capacity by up to 7 per cent amid demand adjustments

AGENCIES

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IndiGo is set to reduce its domestic flight capacity by 5-7 per cent between June and August 2026, becoming the second major Indian carrier after Air India to scale back operations amid rising cost pressures and softer post-summer travel demand.

The airline has also already reduced its international capacity by nearly 17 per cent as part of temporary schedule adjustments.

The move comes shortly after Air India announced a 22 per cent reduction in domestic flight operations during June and July.

Industry observers said the sharp rise in aviation fuel prices has been one of the

key factors impacting airline operations.

Jet fuel accounts for nearly a quarter of an airline's operating expenses, making carriers highly sensitive to fluctuations in crude oil prices.

The ongoing Iran conflict has added further uncertainty to global energy markets, pushing crude oil prices significantly higher in recent months.

Since India imports a large portion of its crude oil requirements, domestic airlines have been particularly vulnerable to rising ATF costs. A weakening rupee has also increased the cost burden for carriers.

At the same time, airlines typically witness softer passenger demand after the peak summer vacation season, when school holiday travel tapers off.



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AI flight returns after snag

■ **NEW DELHI:** An Air India flight bound for San Francisco returned to New Delhi on Wednesday after developing a technical snag mid-air, according to the airline and flight-tracking data. The aircraft, carrying around 230 passengers, had been airborne for more than eight hours and was flying through Chinese airspace before diverting back towards Delhi. The aircraft landed safely and will undergo inspection, the airline said. **PTI**

Airlines trim domestic flights

OUR BUREAU

New Delhi: Air India and IndiGo, India's two largest airlines, have sharply cut their planned domestic flights from June 1, sources familiar with the matter said, as the industry grapples with a rise in jet fuel costs in the wake of the Iran war.

Air India has cut 22 per cent of its planned domestic flights, while IndiGo has cut around 7-10 per cent, the sources said, marking a significant pullback by the two carriers that together control around 90 per cent of India's domestic air passenger market.

After reducing international flights, Air India has decided to scale down its local operations from June 1 for a period of three months.

Sources said IndiGo's scale-down is part of a capacity adjustment amid an expected dip in travel demand during the July-September quarter, but denied any connection to the hike in aviation turbine fuel charges.

"In continuation of our previously announced adjustments to select international services between June and August 2026, we have temporarily rationalised operations



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on certain domestic routes during the same period, with a reduction in frequencies on select routes," an Air India spokesperson said.

These adjustments are driven by the sustained impact of high fuel prices on overall operations, the airline said, assuring that it will keep reviewing passenger demand and operating conditions closely, with a view to restoring frequencies as conditions stabilise.

Travellers impacted by the revised schedule will be offered assistance, including alternative flight options, complimentary date changes or full refunds, as applicable.

The Iran war-driven surge in jet fuel prices has blindsided the aviation industry. Fuel can account for up to 40 per cent of airlines' operating expenses, forcing them to raise fares and cut unprofitable flights.

AI, AI Exp, IndiGo to slash 250 domestic flights a day

Fares To Soar Amid Curtailed Summer Ops

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Air travellers should brace for higher domestic fares and fewer flights this summer.

Air India, AI Express and IndiGo will together remove about 250 domestic flights per day from June to Aug as operating costs spiral on rising jet fuel prices and a weakening rupee amid slowing demand.

Airlines say discretionary travel is among the first items to be curtailed when householders and business units try to make ends meet when everything costs more.

After suspending 145 weekly international flights, loss-making Air India will now slash its domestic flights by about 22% this summer due to rising jet fuel prices.

The airline reported a



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loss of about Rs 25,000 crore last fiscal and is pulling out all stops to cut costs at a time when operating expenditure has soared. AI operates around 4,400 weekly flights. Of them, about 3,600 are domestic and 800 international. Roughly 800 weekly domestic flights may be cut now.

IndiGo is also temporarily suspending 7-10% of its domestic flights this summer but says there are seasonal cuts, and not part of any cost-cutting. The airline operates about 2,200 flights daily.

An AI spokesperson said: "In continuation of our... adjustments to select interna-

tional services between June and Aug 2026, we have temporarily rationalised operations on certain domestic routes during the same period, with a reduction in frequencies on select routes. These adjustments are driven by the sustained impact of high fuel prices on operations."

"Air India will continue to monitor demand and operating conditions closely, with a view to restoring frequencies as conditions stabilise. Passengers impacted by these changes will be proactively assisted with re-accommodation on alternative flights, complimentary date changes, or full refunds, as applicable," the spokesperson said.

Earlier this month, AI had decided to suspend an additional 145 weekly flights between June and Aug. These new cuts, on top of almost 100 daily flights being suspended, will mean even higher fares on the truncated supply this summer as big Gulf carriers are also operating at reduced capacity.