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Delhi Airport UDF order safeguards interest of majority domestic passengers: AERA Chief

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

The majority of passengers using the Delhi Airport will not be impacted by the latest tariff order, which has kept the user development fee (UDF) for domestic departing passengers unchanged at ₹129 for the next four years, said the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India's Chairperson SKG Rahate.

"Effectively, AERA has kept nearly 80 per cent of total passengers out of the latest tariff order by maintaining the existing rate of ₹129 per departing domestic passenger," Rahate told *businessline*.

NO TICKET PRICE HIT
"AERA has prioritised the interest of domestic passengers by keeping the UDF unchanged. No impact on

domestic ticket prices is expected to come from this tariff order." Per the chairperson, the rise in UDF for international passengers is 'minimal' when compared to the initial proposal of the operator.

The airport operator (DIAL) had proposed an aeronautical rate for international economy class travellers between ₹430 and ₹810, while business class passengers will face fees ranging from ₹860 to ₹1,620.

Nonetheless, AERA, for the said international passengers, determined a lower rate of UDF, he said.

In the latest tariff, the international economy class departing travellers will be charged ₹650, while business class departing passengers will face fees of ₹810.

"In the international travel category, a differential rate for economy and

business class travellers has been determined to protect the interests of economy class passengers," he said.

"Even for the business class passengers, who receive an enhanced travel experience via facilities such as lounge and others, AERA has kept the UDF at the minimum."

The chairperson said that the airport operator had sought a 730 per cent increase in airport charges.

"AERA conducted a thorough analysis, called for stakeholder and public consultations, and arranged for 'cross comments' on the replies received from everyone," Rahate said.

DUE PROCESS

"Only after the due process and analysis were complete did AERA determine a 'significantly lower' increase of 140 per cent over the existing airport charges. That

too, by keeping the interest of domestic passengers safe."

Furthermore, the chairperson elaborated that the 'massive difference' in the tariff rate that the airport operator had proposed was only made possible via a broad-based reduction in 'unreasonable' expenses that the operator had shown in its proposal.

At present, AERA has been entrusted with the responsibility to determine tariffs that are charged to airlines and departing passengers during the 'Control Period,' which spans 5 years.

Meanwhile, the landing and parking charges for the airlines at Delhi airport have been rationalised and kept at "reasonable levels, considering competitive airport charges at similar airports," the AERA order read.



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DELHI AIRPORT OFFERS GREEN HAVEN

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Amid the bustling streets and pollution-choked air of Delhi, Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) emerges as an unexpected green haven, providing travellers with clean air and vibrant natural beauty. The airport's lush landscaping includes over 700,000 winter flower seedlings spanning more than 40 species, transforming terminals and approach roads into refreshing spaces for weary travellers.

Inside the terminals, passengers encounter around 40,000 indoor air-purifying plants, such as *Spathyphyllum*, *Dypsiss lutescens*, *Sansevieria*, and Golden Pothos, chosen specifically to absorb toxins and release fresh oxygen. These plants significantly improve indoor air quality, offering a healthier environment for the millions passing through the airport annually.

IGIA's expansive greenery covers more than 4 lakh square metres, extending across all three terminals showcasing trees, shrubs, hedges, lawns, and exotic plant species imported from Thailand and Indonesia.



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हिंडन एयरपोर्ट से भुवनेश्वर के लिए आज से शुरू होगी उड़ान

जासं, साहिबाबाद: हिंडन एयरपोर्ट से भुवनेश्वर के लिए आज रविवार से फ्लाइट सेवा शुरू होगी। सुबह नौ बजकर 20 मिनट पर फ्लाइट भुवनेश्वर के लिए उड़ान भरेगी। इसके लिए टिकटों की आनलाइन बुकिंग पहले ही की जा चुकी है।

हिंडन एयरपोर्ट निदेशक उमेश यादव ने बताया कि रविवार यानि आज से भुवनेश्वर के लिए 180 सीटर विमान सेवा शुरू हो रही है। इसका संचालन एयर इंडिया

एक्सप्रेस करेगी। सुबह नौ बजकर 20 मिनट पर विमान रवाना होगा और 11 बजकर 45 मिनट पर भुवनेश्वर पहुंचेगा। वापसी में दोपहर 12 बजकर 15 मिनट से भुवनेश्वर से विमान हिंडन एयरपोर्ट के लिए उड़ान भरेगा और दो बजकर 30 मिनट पर पहुंचेगा। इसके अलावा अप्रैल में वाराणसी एवं लखनऊ के लिए एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस सेवा शुरू करेगी। फ्लाई विंग मुरादाबाद के लिए फ्लाइट सेवा शुरू करेगी।



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आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट से अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ान 16 अप्रैल से महंगी, एईआरए ने दी मंजूरी संचालन लागत को लेकर लिया फैसला

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आइजीआइ) एयरपोर्ट से अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ान भरने वाले यात्रियों को 16 अप्रैल से ज्यादा खर्च करना होगा। एयरपोर्ट इकोनॉमिक रेगुलेटरी अथॉरिटी (एईआरए) ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों के लिए यूजर डेवलपमेंट फीस में बढ़ोतरी को मंजूरी दे दी है।

यह बदलाव एक अप्रैल 2024 से 31 मार्च 2029 तक के टैरिफ आर्डर का हिस्सा है। एईआरए के अनुसार, यह फैसला एयरपोर्ट के संचालन और विकास लागत को ध्यान में रखकर लिया गया है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों पर बढ़ा हुआ शुल्क लागू होगा, जबकि घरेलू यात्रियों को रहत



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अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों के लिए इतनी बढ़ी यूजर डेवलपमेंट फीस

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जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

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Flights decline from Prayagraj airport after Maha Kumbh

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ Ayodhya

The Prayagraj Airport, which witnessed a significant expansion ahead of the Maha Kumbh to accommodate direct flights to multiple cities, is now facing a drastic reduction in air traffic. Despite the inauguration of a new terminal at a cost of ₹231 crore, the facility has been largely idle since the conclusion of the grand religious event.

The new terminal has remained closed for the past month, and no flights have operated since February 28.

During the Maha Kumbh, the airport handled a record 5,85,587 passengers, with airlines operating direct flights to nearly 25 cities across the country. On the first day of extended flight services, January 11, 2,991 passengers took flights from Prayagraj. This number peaked at over 27,000 daily passengers during the peak of the event, with February 28 recording 10,395 travelers.

Both the old and new terminals were operational 24/7 to accommodate the increased demand. However, post — Maha Kumbh, the number of passengers and flights has plummeted.

Several flight routes from Prayagraj have been discontinued one by one. The Prayagraj — Lucknow route was permanently suspended recently, and there is speculation that the Hyderabad service may be next.

IndiGo has also reduced the frequency of its flights to Mumbai and Bengaluru. At present, only 12 to 14 flights operate daily from the airport.

Raising this concern in the Lok Sabha on Friday, BJP MP from Phulpur and chairman of the Prayagraj Airport Advisory Committee, Praveen Patel, highlighted the sharp drop in flight operations.

He emphasised that while the airport was expanded before the Maha Kumbh and passenger facilities were enhanced, flight operations declined drastically after the event.

"Despite the conclusion of the Maha Kumbh, lakhs of pilgrims continue to visit Sangam for holy dips daily. However, airline companies have arbitrarily discontinued several flights," Patel said. He pointed out that routes to high — traffic destinations like Pune, Kolkata, and Dehradun were shut down despite good passenger demand. Currently, only five to six flights remain operational.

Patel urged the Union Minister of Civil Aviation to intervene and ensure the resumption of direct flights from Prayagraj to key destinations. He also called for the establishment of a cargo terminal at the airport to boost regional trade and connectivity.

Flights discontinued from Prayagraj Airport include: IndiGo: (Gorakhpur, Lucknow, Kolkata, Indore, Bhopal, Dehradun, Pune), Alliance Air: (Dehradun, Kolkata) and Jet Airways: (Nagpur, Indore, Patna and Lucknow)

"During the Maha Kumbh, SpiceJet, Air India, and Star Air also operated flights from Prayagraj, which ceased after February 28," a senior official said.

Cities that had direct flights during Maha Kumbh are: Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Indore, Jammu, Chandigarh, Guwahati, Kolkata, Chennai, Pune, Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar, Lucknow, Raipur, Bilaspur, Hyderabad, Dehradun, among others.

With flight connectivity dwindling post-Maha Kumbh, travelers and city officials are hopeful for swift government intervention to restore services and maximise the airport's potential.

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Delhi airport: International passengers to pay higher UDF

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Flying out of the Delhi airport will become expensive for international passengers from April 16, with regulator AERA approving higher and variable user development fees for economy and business class passengers. Taking into consideration that 80 per cent of the traffic at the airport is domestic, AERA has decided to leave the User Development Fee (UDF) for domestic passengers unchanged at Rs 129 for the fourth control period.

Currently, the UDF is uniform for both domestic and international passengers.

Besides, the landing charges will be different for wide-body and narrow-body planes on both domestic and international segments.

The domestic UDF for embarking passengers is Rs 129 and for disembarking passengers is Rs 56.

Under the revised tariff regime, international passengers flying economy class from the airport will have to pay a UDF of Rs 650 and for those landing here, the rate will be



Rs 275.

In the case of international business class passengers, the UDF will be Rs 810 for embarking and Rs 345 for disembarking passengers, respectively, the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) said in a release on Friday.

The watchdog said that airport operator DIAL had proposed a 730 per cent increase in prevailing airport charges.

“However, after conducting a thorough analysis and applying prudence checks to each regulatory building block, AERA has determined a significantly lower increase of 140 per cent over the existing airport charges.

“This adjustment will enable the airport operator to meet essential capital expenditure requirements, maintain operational efficiency and ensure ser-

vice quality in line with the standards outlined in the State Support Agreement (SSA) and the Operation, Management and Development Agreement (OMDA),” it said.

Explaining the rationale behind having a differential rate of UDF for the international economy and business class passengers, AERA said it aligns with the ‘user pays’ principle and reflects the enhanced passenger experience and expanded facilities available and used by international travellers.

“The landing and parking charges for the airlines have also been rationalised and kept at reasonable levels, considering competitive airport charges at similar airports.

“This ensures that airline operations are not unduly burdened and that operational efficiency is maintained,” it said.



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Air India Express projects 50% passenger growth in FY26

Air India Express, the low-cost arm of Air India, has projected a 50% growth in passenger traffic for the financial year 2026, taking the total number to 30 million, according to its CEO Alok Singh. The airline ferried approximately 20 million passengers in financial year 2025, when it witnessed a growth of 19%. The same year it added 37 aircraft and grew its fleet size to a total of 103 aircraft and strengthened its route network by adding nine destinations to take the total to 53 destinations. Total routes rose from 140 to 210.



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Direct flight to Srinagar soon

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Lucknow

The Chaudhary Charan Singh International (CCSI) Airport here will add its 33rd destination with a direct Indigo flight to Srinagar. The flight, except on Sundays, will be a 186-seater Airbus A320. This new route will provide non-stop connectivity to passengers planning to travel to Srinagar.

In 2024-25, CCSIA added new flights to nine domestic destinations including Bhopal, Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Moradabad, Shravasti, Bhubaneswar, Jharsuguda and Mopa (North Goa), as well as international destinations like Ras Al Khaimah, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok. The airport also added a new airline, Air Asia Malaysia, to the list of airlines operating from Lucknow.

Currently, CCSI Airport manages an average of 20,500 passengers and operates over 136 flights per day. In the first nine months of 2024-25, CCSIA recorded all-time high passenger movement of over 5.21 million and around 39,000 Air Traffic Movements (ATMs).



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KOLKATA

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Flight glitch

■ **CALCUTTA:** An IndiGo flight to Guwahati had to come back to Calcutta airport following a technical glitch on Friday. The flight, which left Calcutta at 10.57am, had a "hydraulic failure", said an official of Calcutta airport. "A full emergency was declared. But the flight came back safely," the official said. It landed in Calcutta at 11.59am.



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MUMBAI

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AI Express eyes long-haul budget tie-ups

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New Delhi: Tata's Air India Group has started preparing for the long-haul low-cost challenge that rival IndiGo will increasingly mount from this year. AI Express, the Maharaja's budget arm, has begun stitching partnerships with foreign low cost carriers (LCCs) that will allow Indian travellers to fly budget one-stop all the way to Australia, Far East and Africa.

"We have so far entered virtual interline partnerships with six LCCs, including Scoot (Singapore Airlines' budget arm), Jazeera, VietJet and Air Arabia. At the time of check-in, passengers will get two boarding cards—one for their flight on AI Express from India to the hubs of those airlines and then from there on those airlines to onward destinations," AI Express CEO Alok Singh said.

Tata's budget carrier is "testing the waters" with these initial partnerships that as of now require passengers to collect baggage and check in the same again for the connecting flights on partner airlines. "We will deepen this to make transfers seamless, including enabling passengers to through check-in baggage to their final destination," Singh said.



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An Alliance Air aircraft that landed at the Hisar airport on Friday. PHOTO: ASHOK KUNDU

Hisar airport cleared of nilgai, trial flight lands successfully

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, MARCH 28

The Wildlife Department officials today sanitised the Hisar airport complex, removing nilgai (blue bulls) and other wild animals from the premises.

A team of 12 officials led the operation, supported by municipal corporation personnel from six districts. An official from the wildlife department said, "We caught three nilgai inside the airport area. These animals have been relocated to the

Beed forest in the district."

The operation was conducted to ensure safe aircraft operations at the upcoming Hisar Airport. Meanwhile, Hisar Airport witnessed a successful trial flight today, as a 70-seater aircraft landed from Delhi in the afternoon. Upon arrival, the aircraft was greeted with a water salute by fire engines.

A pilot from Alliance Air Aviation Limited conducted the test by taking off and flying around the area. The aircraft remained at the airport for two hours before

returning to Delhi.

According to sources, five aircraft are expected to arrive at Hisar Airport on April 13, a day before the proposed visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The flight schedule for five destinations will be finalised, and online bookings will commence soon. The Haryana Government has signed an agreement with Alliance Air Aviation Limited, under which the state will compensate for any ticket revenue losses for the first year of operations.



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Alliance Air resumes flights from Jubbarhatti

TRIBUNE NEW SERVICE

SHIMLA, MARCH 28

Alliance Air services have resumed flights from the Jubbarhatti airport, near

Shimla, after a disruption of two days. "Following necessary maintenance checks, flight operations have been resumed," said an official from the airlines.