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Hindon hit by cancellations as time limits restrict ops

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Ghaziabad: Having gone from a prolonged lull to a sudden surge in air traffic, the operational limitations of the Hindon civil terminal are beginning to show.

Air India Express on Tuesday notified passengers that its 11.40am Hindon-Mumbai flights on July 30 and 31 were cancelled, leading them with a short notice to make alternative plans. Since there is little scope to do so from Hindon because options are limited, and in routes operated by a single carrier none, flyers who could not postpone had to book a more expensive flight, this time from IGIA. On Monday, an IndiGo flight to Varanasi from Hindon was cancelled.

With more flights, the window to accommodate delays has narrowed, affecting on-time performance and increasing cancellations, officials explained. Since Hindon terminal uses the runway and other facilities of the air force base, it has to comply with the dawn-dusk window. DK Gautam, regional executive director (operations) at Airports Authority of India, said, "We are aware of the problem, and between the civil aviation ministry, the defence ministry, and IAF, talks are on at the highest level to streamline operations at Hindon."



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आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट के डोमेस्टिक थाने का अब स्थायी पता होगा

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। चंद कमरों में अब तक चल रहे आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट के डोमेस्टिक थाने का अपना स्थायी पता होगा। नए थाने के लिए अब टर्मिनल एक के प्रस्थान अप-रैप के पास भूखंड आवंटित किया गया है। थाने की नई इमारत के लिए एयरपोर्ट संचालन एजेंसी डायल ने दिल्ली पुलिस को 1,540 वर्ग मीटर का भूखंड मात्र एक रुपये प्रति वर्ष के टोकन शुल्क पर सौंपा है।

मंगलवार को आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर आयोजित समारोह में भूखंड सौंपे जाने की घोषणा की गई। समारोह में दिल्ली पुलिस आयुक्त संजय अरोड़ा व जीएमआर उप प्रबंध निदेशक के नारायण राव, दिल्ली पुलिस हाउसिंग कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड के विशेष पुलिस आयुक्त राजेश खुराना, विशेष पुलिस आयुक्त राबिन हिबू, संयुक्त पुलिस आयुक्त (परिवहन रेंज) विजय सिंह और आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट की

एयरपोर्ट संचालन एजेंसी ने दिल्ली पुलिस को 1,540 वर्ग मीटर भूमि सौंपा

मात्र एक रुपये प्रति वर्ष के टोकन शुल्क पर सौंपा गया

अतिरिक्त पुलिस आयुक्त उषा रंगनानी सहित कई वरिष्ठ अधिकारी मौजूद थे।

अतिरिक्त पुलिस आयुक्त ने बताया कि नया पुलिस थाना स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव 2008 से लंबित था। डायल और दिल्ली पुलिस के संयुक्त प्रयासों से इसे अमलीजामा पहनाया गया है। अभी थाना जीएमआर की जी5 बिल्डिंग में अस्थायी रूप से संचालित हो रहा है।

पुलिस अधिकारी ने बताया कि यह कदम डायल और दिल्ली पुलिस को उस प्रतिबद्धता को रेखांकित करता है, जिसमें भारत के सबसे व्यस्त एयरपोर्ट पर सार्वजनिक सुरक्षा और पहुंच को प्राथमिकता दी गई है।

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24 घंटे एआई कैमरों से होगी नोएडा एयरपोर्ट की निगरानी

खतरे का पता लगाएंगे कैमरे और सायरन बजाकर सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को अलर्ट कर देंगे

संदीप वर्मा

यमुना सिटी। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा 24/7 आर्टिफिशल इंटेलिजेंस वाले हाई रेजोल्यूशन कैमरों की निगरानी में होगी। इनसे लैंडसाइड (हवाई अड्डे में सुरक्षा जांच क्षेत्र को छोड़कर पूरा क्षेत्र), टर्मिनल और एयरसाइड (उड़ान क्षेत्र) जोन के चप्पे-चप्पे पर नजर रखी जाएगी। कमांड कंट्रोल सेंटर तैयार कर दिया गया है। किसी भी गतिविधि पर एआई कैमरे सायरन बजाकर सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को अलर्ट कर देंगे।

एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा को पर्यावरण डिजाइन के माध्यम से अपराध निवारण (सीपीटीईडी) सिद्धांतों पर आधारित है। हवाई अड्डा शुरू होने से पहले हवाई अड्डे पर कमांड कंट्रोल सेंटर बनाकर तैयार किया गया है। हवाई अड्डे की चारों ओर सुरक्षा से लेकर यात्री जांच के लिए अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर उन्नत तकनीक अपनाई गई है।

सुरक्षा के लिए रियल टाइम ट्रैकिंग सिस्टम को रखा गया है। इससे कमांड सेंटर में तुरंत अलर्ट आ जाएगा। लैंडसाइड, टर्मिनल और एयरसाइड जोन पर 24 घंटे हाई रेजोल्यूशन सीसीटीवी कैमरों से निगरानी रखी जानी शुरू कर दी गई है। इनमें से एआई संचालित कैमरे टर्मिनल और एयरसाइड जोन में खतरे का पता लगा लेंगे और कंट्रोल सेंटर को अलर्ट कर देंगे।



350 से अधिक सीसीटीवी एयरपोर्ट के बाहरी दीवार पर लगे

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चेकिंग के लिए मशीन।

नेक्सट जेनरेशन सिस्टम

हवाई अड्डे के केबिन बेगेज की जांच एक स्वचालित ट्रे रिट्रोवेल सिस्टम के माध्यम से पूरी तरह से दूरस्थ रूप से की जाएगी। यह सिस्टम इंस्टाल किया गया है। पहले चरण में 13 सुरक्षा लेन पर यह लगेगी। एक इन-लाइन होल्ड बेगेज सिस्टम पूरे यात्रा के दौरान सामान की निरंतर ट्रैकिंग करेगा।

एडवांस इमरजेंसी रिस्पॉंस टीम

हवाई अड्डे की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को भेदने का प्रयास करने वालों के लिए आपातकालीन नियंत्रण केंद्र अत्याधुनिक आईसीटी प्रणालियों से लैस किया गया है। इससे सुरक्षा टीम तुरंत पहुंचेगी।



सुरक्षा के सभी उच्च मानकों को रखा गया है। एयरपोर्ट की बाहरी दीवार पर 350 से अधिक हाई रेजोल्यूशन कैमरे लगाए गए हैं। एकीकृत सुरक्षा केंद्र प्रणाली से यात्रियों और हवाई अड्डे की सुरक्षा रखी जाएगी। -किरण जैन, चीफ ऑपरेटिंग अफसर, नोएडा एयरपोर्ट

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New initiative set to enhance passenger travel experience

RGIA starts dogs therapy for flyers

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As part of a new initiative, RGIA has introduced a Therapy Dog Programme for helping travellers to ease travel anxiety, feel more relaxed and emotionally at ease. The program has four well-trained toy poodles, who are brought in to interact with passengers at domestic and international departures, spreading calm and comfort with just their presence.

The poodles are present at the airport four days a week, usually from Friday to Monday, for 4 – 6 hours per day. During this time, they can be found near the boarding gate areas and they visit domestic and international departures where they are available for interaction with willing passengers. “Whether

PASSENGER GUIDELINES FOR CUTER EXPERIENCE

DOs

- Feel free to interact with the therapy dogs if you are comfortable.
- Approach the dogs calmly and allow them to familiarise themselves with you.
 - Follow the handler's instructions while interacting with the dogs.
- Enjoy the experience and take photos (but without using flash).
 - If you have allergies, maintain a safe distance.
- Please be with your children while they play with the dogs.



Passenger accompanied by trained dog at RGIA.

DON'Ts

- Do not force interactions-only pet the dogs if they willingly come to you.
- Avoid feeding the dogs or offering them treats.
- Do not startle them by making loud noises or sudden movements.
- Do not try to pick them up or pull their ears/tails.
- If you feel uncomfortable, respect others who wish to engage with the therapy dogs.

you are a nervous flyer or simply need a moment of peace, these gentle, trained dogs are here to help you breathe easier.

This initiative is part of RGIA's ongoing commitment to enhancing passenger experience,” said the RGIA officials. The dogs

are always accompanied by professional handlers who ensure that the interactions are safe, stress-free and entirely volun-

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tary.

If you're a nervous flyer, travelling solo or just need a quick mood boost, you can approach these gentle companions for a friendly cuddle or a pat. For those who prefer to admire from a distance, the poodles are trained not to approach unless invited.

Airport authorities said that the initiative is designed to improve the overall travel experience and to comfort travellers and make their journey more relaxing.

Their presence is meant to reduce anxiety, improve mood and create a peaceful atmosphere for passengers.



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अपनी इमारत में होगा आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट का डोमेस्टिक थाना

जासं, नई दिल्ली : अभी तक उधार के चंद कमरों में चल रहे आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट के डोमेस्टिक थाने की अपनी इमारत होगी, जिसमें जरूरत के हिसाब से पर्याप्त जगह होगी। टर्मिनल-1 पर जल्द ही एक नया और स्थायी पुलिस थाना स्थापित होगा, जो एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को और पुख्ता करेगा। थाने की नई इमारत के लिए एयरपोर्ट संचालन एजेंसी डायल ने दिल्ली पुलिस को 1540 वर्ग मीटर का भूखंड मात्र 1 रुपये प्रति वर्ष के टोकन शुल्क पर सौंपा है।

भूखंड सौंपे जाने की पूरी घोषणा के लिए एक विशेष एयरपोर्ट पर

आयोजित किया गया, जिसमें दिल्ली पुलिस आयुक्त संजय अरोड़ा व जीएमआर उप प्रबंध निदेशक के नारायण राव, दिल्ली पुलिस हाउसिंग कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड के विशेष पुलिस आयुक्त राजेश खुराना, विशेष पुलिस आयुक्त राबिन हिब्रू, संयुक्त पुलिस आयुक्त (परिवहन रेंज) विजय सिंह और आइजीआइ जिला पुलिस अतिरिक्त आयुक्त उषा रंगनानी सहित कई वरिष्ठ अधिकारी मौजूद रहे।

यह परियोजना इसलिए भी खास है क्योंकि नया पुलिस थाना स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव 2008 से लंबित था।



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तेज बारिश के चलते एयरपोर्ट पर विमान लैंडिंग में परेशानी

व्यूरो/नवज्योति, जयपुर।
जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर सोमवार को तेज बारिश के चलते विमानों की लैंडिंग में परेशानी हुई। इसके चलते कुछ विमानों को होल्ड पर रखा गया।

मौसम सही होने के बाद एक विमान को सुरक्षित तरीके से लैंड कराया व एक अन्य विमान को दिल्ली के लिए डायवर्ट किया गया। जानकारी के अनुसार सोमवार को एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस को वाराणसी से जयपुर, एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की मुंबई से जयपुर के लिए फ्लाइट आई थी। एयरपोर्ट पर तेज बारिश के चलते एटीसी ने विमानों को लैंड करने की अनुमति नहीं देते हुए कुछ देर होल्ड पर रखा। इसके बाद वाराणसी से आई फ्लाइट को दिल्ली के लिए डायवर्ट किया गया। तीन अन्य फ्लाइट्स की लैंडिंग में भी करीब 20 से 25 मिनट का समय लगा था।



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टर्मिनल-1 पर बनेगा नया थाना

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-1 पर नया पुलिस थाना बनाने के लिए डायल ने दिल्ली पुलिस को 1540 वर्गमीटर भूमि सौंपी है। इसके बदले पुलिस को हर साल सिर्फ एक रुपये लाइसेंस फीस देनी होगी। मंगलवार को पुलिस आयुक्त संजय अरोड़ा की मौजूदगी में दिल्ली पुलिस और डायल अधिकारियों ने इस संबंध में दस्तावेजों पर हस्ताक्षर किए। एयरपोर्ट पर अभी दो थाने हैं। अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट के लिए थाना खुद की बिल्डिंग में है, जबकि घरेलू टर्मिनल-1 का थाना फिलहाल जी5 बिल्डिंग में अस्थायी रूप से चल रहा है।



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जेवर-यूएस नगर के बीच उड़ान का प्रस्ताव

पंतनगर/ग्रेटर नोएडा। गौतम बुद्ध नगर के जेवर में बन रहे नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से ऊधमसिंह नगर के पंतनगर हवाई के बीच उड़ान जल्द शुरू हो सकती है। इंडिगो ने इसके लिए भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण को प्रस्ताव सौंपा है।

पंतनगर एयरपोर्ट के डायरेक्टर पवन कुमार ने बताया कि जेवर हवाई अड्डे से कई महानगरों के लिए जल्द उड़ानों का संचालन शुरू होगा। इंडिगो ने पंतनगर के बीच उड़ान संचालित करने को भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण को प्रस्ताव सौंपा है। उम्मीद है कि आने वाले दो महीने में कुमाऊं वासियों को इसकी सौगात मिल सकती है। कंपनी इस रूट पर 72 सीटर विमान का संचालन करेगी और जेवर से पंतनगर के बीच दूरी लगभग 50 मिनट में तय होगी। बता दें दिल्ली में टर्मिनल की मरम्मत के चलते बंद उड़ान सेवा 15 सितंबर से शुरू हो रही है।



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BIAL eyes Oct close for \$500 mn bond

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MUMBAI: India's Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL) plans to raise over ₹4,630 crore (\$535 million) via a second tranche of bonds by early October, three sources told *Reuters* on Monday.

Earlier this month, the company which operates the country's third-busiest airport, raised ₹4,362 crore through the sale of 15-year bonds at a coupon of 8.15% payable on a monthly basis.

BIAL will raise the funds through its second tranche at a similar rate as the first transaction, the sources added.

All the sources requested anonymity as the talks are still private. The company did not immediately respond to a *Reuters* email seeking comment.

The bonds are rated AAA by Crisil Ratings, India Ratings and ICRA.

SBI Capital Markets was the arranger of the previous issue, and will also be the arranger for the second tranche, two of the sources added.

THE MONEY RAISED WILL BE USED FOR REFINANCING OF EXISTING DEBT AND NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The planned bond issue will also be of 15-year maturity and will be privately placed and will not be auctioned on the electronic bond platform like the first tranche, the sources said.

"The deal was closed with wide participation from banks, insurance companies and infrastructure focused funds," said one of the sources.

The money raised will be used for refinancing of existing debt and new capital expenditure, the person said.

BIAL is planning to undertake capital expenditure worth ₹15,500 crore over financial years 2026 to 2030 for capacity expansion, according to an ICRA report. This is expected to increase its passenger handling capacity to 80-85 million each year from 51.5 million passengers per annum currently.

IGI एयरपोर्ट पर बनेगा डोमेस्टिक एयरपोर्ट थाना सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को और सुदृढ़ करने की दिशा में एक ऐतिहासिक कदम उठाया

बड़ा कदम

- डायल ने दिल्ली पुलिस को 1540 वर्ग मीटर जमीन दी

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्या

इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के टर्मिनल-1 पर सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को और सुदृढ़ करने की दिशा में एक ऐतिहासिक कदम उठाया गया है। डायल (डीआईएल) ने दिल्ली पुलिस को 1540 वर्ग मीटर जमीन एक प्रतीकात्मक लाइसेंस शुल्क सिर्फ 1 प्रति वर्ष पर औपचारिक रूप से सौंप दी है। इस जमीन पर नए डोमेस्टिक एयरपोर्ट थाना का निर्माण किया जाएगा। इस परियोजना का प्रस्ताव वर्ष 2008 से लंबित था, जिसे अब जाकर अमलीजामा पहनाया गया है। इस अवसर पर दिल्ली पुलिस आयुक्त संजय अरोड़ा की उपस्थिति में डायल (जो कि GMR का एक हिस्सा है)



ने औपचारिक रूप से यह जमीन सौंपी। समारोह में जीएमआर के उप-प्रबंध निदेशक के. नारायण राव, विशेष पुलिस आयुक्त राजेश खुराना (डीपी एचसीएल), विशेष पुलिस आयुक्त रोबिन हिबू (पीटीएसडी), संयुक्त पुलिस आयुक्त (ट्रांसपोर्ट रेंज) विजय सिंह, और अपर पुलिस आयुक्त, आईजीआई यूनिट, उषा रंगनानी सहित कई वरिष्ठ अधिकारी और गणमान्य व्यक्ति उपस्थित रहे।

कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत में रोबिन हिबू ने सीपी दिल्ली संजय अरोड़ा का स्वागत किया और उन्हें पर्यावरण के प्रति संवेदनशीलता का प्रतीक स्वरूप एक पौधा भेंट किया। जमीन का विधिवत हस्तांतरण के. रमेश (डीसीपी जनरल एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन एवं भूमि एवं भवन शाखा, दिल्ली पुलिस) और मोनमय राय (उप-सीईओ, डायल) के बीच सम्पन्न हुआ। इस दौरान अपर पुलिस आयुक्त उषा रंगनानी ने जमीन की



दिल्ली पुलिस और डायल की यह साझेदारी सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को नई मजबूती देगी। नई सुविधा से न केवल एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा और बेहतर होगी, बल्कि आमजनता को भी अधिक सुगम पुलिस सेवा उपलब्ध हो सकेगी।

भौगोलिक स्थिति और रणनीतिक महत्व पर सीपी दिल्ली को विस्तार से जानकारी दी और जीएमआर व डायल की भूमिका की सराहना की। वर्तमान में दिल्ली पुलिस का डोमेस्टिक एयरपोर्ट थाना G5 बिल्डिंग में अस्थायी रूप से संचालित हो रहा है, जिसे अब

स्थायी भवन में स्थानांतरित किया जाएगा। यह भूमि सीआईएसएफ नाके और एआरसी ऑफिसर्स मेस के पास, टर्मिनल-1D की ओर जाने वाली सड़क के ऊपर-रैम्प के निकट स्थित है। इस स्थान का चयन सुरक्षा और पहुंच की दृष्टि से अत्यंत उपयुक्त माना गया है।



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Commissioner of Police, Delhi, Sanjay Arora, received a symbolic sapling from Special Commissioner (PTSD), Mr Robin Hibu, during the handover of land by DIAL for a new Domestic Airport Police Station at IGI Airport, Terminal 1

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THE MORNING STANDARD

DELHI

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DIAL hands over land parcel to Delhi police

Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) on Tuesday handed over a land parcel to the IGI Airport unit of Delhi Police for the construction of a new domestic airport police station. According to the officials, this proposal had been pending since 2008 and this permanent facility will replace the police station currently functioning in a temporary premise in G5 building.

T2 to support transfer between int'l and domestic terminals

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New Delhi: Due to its proximity to IGI Airport's only international terminal, T3, Terminal 2 will reopen in about two months to primarily support domestic-to-international and vice-versa passenger flow of Air India group and IndiGo.

While T2 was shut for repairs on April 15, IGIA's main runway was closed for upgrading the instrument landing system (ILS) on June 15. "That runway was supposed to reopen around Sept 15, but the same could happen a week earlier. T2 is expected to reopen by Sept-end. Both will reopen in time for the festive rush," said people in the know.

Once that happens, IGIA will become the first Indian airport to operate with a capacity of handling over 10 crore passengers annually (CPA), thanks to three operational terminals—T3 (4.5 CPA), T1 (4 CPA) and T2 (1.5 CPA), four runways and supporting airside infrastructure. IGIA handled 7.8 crore passengers in 2024. So apart from having spare capacity, it will see the same go up to almost 14 CPA when T2 is demolished to make way for a bigger T4.

Delhi International Airport Ltd initially toyed with the idea of mothballing T2 as it wanted to see the impact of NCR's second commercial airport on the footfalls of IGIA. The reason: between T1 and T3



T2 will reopen by end of Sept. Runway 10/28 likely to reopen on Sept 7

alone, it had a capacity of 8.5 CPA. Noida International Airport is expected to open around Oct with a phase one capacity of 1.2 CPA.

"IGIA T2 will not be kept mothballed as it is very close to the only international terminal T3. IndiGo and AI group have major expansion plans with hundreds of planes on order. So T2 will be used to support their domestic-to-international and international-to-domestic traffic primarily of these two airlines," said sources. The absence of an air train between T1 and T3/2 and the painful by-road commute between these 7km-apart terminals have made transit a pain at the country's biggest airport. The opening of T2 will provide some much-needed respite on that front.

Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) also gets its se-

cond airport around the same time in Navi Mumbai, but the situation there is different. The megacity's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport has already peaked out and the new hub opens with a capacity of 2 CPA. So from Day 1, MMR's demand for air travel will be more than the capacity of the two airports combined.

Given the spare capacity in National Capital Region with two commercial airports, Noida International Airport will extend the lifespan of T2 built in 1986. "Depending on the impact Noida has on IGIA footfall, it is likely T2 will remain operational for another three to five years. Subsequently, it will be demolished for constructing a bigger T4 in its place," said a source. Building a big, new terminal takes about three and a half years.

Runway 2 used by 3K flights sans adequate fire safety for 6 months

DGCA Audit Finds Acute Shortage Of Fire Tenders

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OTHER DEFICIENCIES

- Resurfacing assessment for main runway, which is mandatory every 5 years, not carried out since 2015
- No landing direction indicator for secondary runway
- Laser sensitive spots yet to be established
- Bird nets along drainages in the operational area found damaged
- Aircraft familiarisation training done on non-in-use aircraft despite availability of Airbus 320 and ATR flights during night halts

Chennai International Airport has two operational runways

- **Primary runway** | 3.66 km long (about 12,000 ft) — capable of handling large wide-body aircraft such as Boeing 777, 787, Airbus A-330
- **Secondary runway** | 2.89 km long (about 9,500 ft) — primarily used for narrow-body jets and smaller aircraft

Chennai airport operates 430 flights on a daily basis, which includes domestic and international flights

- No floor aiding system at arrival and departure terminals for persons with disabilities
- No simple public grievances redress mechanism

Illustration: Shirod Akkarapurambil

had only four crash fire tenders instead of the stipulated six — three each for the main runway and secondary

runway. There was only one fire tender for the secondary runway, that too had suffered multiple technical snags and

failed to meet the requirements. “At least three fire tenders were unserviced and

The survey highlighted 63 safety parameters as unsatisfactory, including three 'level-1 lapses' to be complied with on priority before Nov 2024

lacked equipment, and a non-functional dry chemical powder tender was deployed as a responding vehicle for several days,” said the report. It also noted that two fire tenders in use since 2008 were past their shelf life of 10 years.

The survey highlighted 63 safety parameters as unsatisfactory, including three ‘level-1 lapses’ to be complied with on a priority basis before Nov 2024. The task and resource analysis (TRA) for Chennai airport was not up-

dated after 2022 in line with the simultaneous operations on the runways.

Aerodrome Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Services is the first line of defence during any aircraft-related emergency at airports. Their role spans rescue, fire control, passenger safety, and coordination, making them vital to aviation safety and disaster preparedness. They are aligned with ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organisation) and DGCA standards to respond to the situation and initiate rescue operations within three minutes.

DGCA said ambulances stationed at the airport were past their expiry date. Other deficiencies included expired proximity suits, inadequate breathing apparatus

for firefighters, and lower quality of foam used to extinguish fire.

An airport official said the airport needed just three fire tenders as per DGCA Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR), but it had an additional tender. “We responded to the DGCA report and addressed the lapses. The ambulances were replaced in June this year, and two new crash fire tenders were added in May,” said an official.

Reply to an RTI application revealed reduced simultaneous operations on the two runways after the DGCA report. While the number of flights operated from the secondary runway ranged from 700 to 950 between April and Oct, it came down to around 300 in the following months as flights were operated on

the secondary runway when the main runway was closed for operations twice weekly.

Captain Ranganathan, a former pilot and air safety expert, said that ARFF, unlike other fire services, is not about precaution but a mandatory procedure. “For even abnormalities during take-off and landing of flights, the airport should be prepared for crash landing, for which the ARFF should be ready to respond,” he said. He recalled the Air France crash at Chennai airport in 1999 and the Air India Express flight crash in Mangaluru in 2010 and said the casualties would have been fewer had the ARFF teams reached the site immediately. DGCA can initiate action for not complying with ‘level-1 lapses’ beyond the deadline, he said.



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THE ASSAM TRIBUNE

GUWAHATI

29 JULY 2025

DGCA begins action against Air India for lapse in check

NEW DELHI, July 28: Aviation regulator DGCA has initiated action against Air India after finding that the inspection of emergency slide was overdue in an aircraft, Union Minister Murlidhar Mohol said on Monday.

In a written reply, the Minister of State for Civil Aviation said that during the audit of Air India, DGCA found that the inspection of emergency slide was overdue.

“DGCA immediately grounded the aircraft till the required rectification was carried out. DGCA has initiated enforcement action against Air India and the responsible personnel as per Enforcement Policy and Procedure Manual of DGCA,” he told the Rajya Sabha.

Specific details, such as when the audit was conducted and when the enforcement action was initiated, were not disclosed.

The minister’s response was to DMK member Tiruchi Siva’s query.

In recent times, Air India has come under the scanner of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for various lapses. – PTI



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GUWAHATI

29 JULY 2025

Singapore Airlines profit falls 59 pc on AI losses

NEW DELHI, July 28: Singapore Airlines Group's profit declined nearly 59 per cent to 186 million Singapore dollars in the June quarter as losses of Air India and other associated companies, along with lower interest income, trimmed its bottom line. Singapore Airlines, which holds a 25.1 per cent stake in loss-making Air India, saw its total revenue rise 1.5 per cent to SGD 4.79 billion, whereas net profit dropped 58.8 per cent to SGD 186 million in the June quarter compared to the year-ago period. In addition to the lower operating profit, the reduction in net profit was largely attributable to a lower interest income on the back of lower cash balances and interest rate cuts, the airline said in a statement on Monday. The group also recorded "a share of losses of associated companies compared to a share of profits for the same quarter last year (-SGD 122 million), notably from Air India's financial results, which were not part of the Group's results for the same quarter last year", it said. Singapore Airlines Group started equity accounting for Air India's financial performance from December 2024, following the full integration of Vistara into Air India. According to the statement, the demand for air travel remains healthy in the second quarter of FY2025-26 across most route regions due to the traditional summer peak. "However, the global airline industry continues to face a volatile operating environment, with challenges ranging from geopolitical developments and macroeconomic fluctuations to changing market dynamics and supply chain constraints. The Group will be agile and proactive in responding to changes in demand patterns," the statement said. – PTI

एअर इंडिया के ऑडिट में डीजीसीए को मिलीं 100 खामियां, सात को आज करना होगा दूर इन खामियों में अस्वीकृत सिमुलेटर से लेकर पायलटों के प्रशिक्षण में कमी तक शामिल

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने एअर इंडिया के सुरक्षा ऑडिट में 100 सुरक्षा व संचालन खामियां दर्ज की हैं और इनमें से 7 को 30 जुलाई तक दूर करने का निर्देश दिया है।

डीजीसीए की रिपोर्ट में जो खामियां मिली हैं, उनमें पायलटों को पर्याप्त प्रशिक्षण न मिलना, अस्वीकृत सिमुलेटर का इस्तेमाल और खराब रोस्ट्रिंग प्रणाली शामिल हैं। बताया जा रहा है कि सुरक्षा ऑडिट का 12 जून को अहमदाबाद में एअर इंडिया के विमान दुर्घटना से कोई सीधा संबंध नहीं है लेकिन रिपोर्ट ऐसे समय आई है जब यह एयरलाइंस नए सिरे से जांच का सामना कर रही है। टाटा समूह के स्वामित्व वाली एयरलाइंस को पहले से ही



एअर इंडिया ने कहा, तय समय में डीजीसीए को देंगे जवाब : एअर इंडिया ने कहा, डीजीसीए ऑडिट के दौरान वह पूरी तरह पारदर्शी रही और निर्धारित समय सीमा के भीतर खामियों के बारे में उठाए गए कदमों की जानकारी के साथ नियामक को जवाब प्रस्तुत करेगी।

आपातकालीन उपकरणों की जांच किए बिना विमान उड़ाने, समय पर इंजन के पुर्जे नहीं बदलने और रिकॉर्ड में हेराफेरी करने के साथ-साथ चालक दल के थकान प्रबंधन से संबंधित अन्य खामियों के लिए चेतावनी नोटिस दिया गया है।

डीजीसीए की 11 पन्नों की गोपनीय ऑडिट रिपोर्ट में स्तर-1 के सात गंभीर सुरक्षा उल्लंघनों का

प्रोटोकॉल का पालन करने के मांगे सबूत

रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि एयरलाइंस ने चुनौतीपूर्ण भूभाग वाले कुछ सी श्रेणी के हवाईअड्डों के लिए मार्ग संबंधी उचित आकलन नहीं किया। इन हवाईअड्डों के लिए ऐसे सिमुलेटर के साथ प्रशिक्षण किया जो योग्यता के मानकों को पूरा नहीं करते थे। डीजीसीए ने एअर इंडिया से प्रमाणित दस्तावेज के जरिये यह सिद्ध करने के लिए कहा है कि उसने सभी सुरक्षा प्रोटोकॉल का पालन किया है। डीजीसीए ने एअर इंडिया को 23 जुलाई को जारी किए गए तीन अलग-अलग कारण बताओ नोटिस का 15 दिन के अंदर जवाब देने के लिए कहा है।

जिक्र किया गया है और इन्हें 30 जुलाई तक ठीक करने के लिए कहा गया है। 93 अन्य वर्गीकृत गैर-अनुपालन खामियों को 23 अगस्त तक हल किया जाना है। अधिकारियों ने कहा कि उन्हें कुछ बोइंग 787 और 777 विमानों के पायलटों के लिए बार-बार प्रशिक्षण के अंतराल मिले हैं।

इन पायलटों ने अनिवार्य आवधिक

मूल्यांकन से पहले अपने निगरानी कर्तव्यों को पूरा नहीं किया है। इसके तहत जब पायलट उड़ान नहीं भरते तो कॉकपिट में उपकरणों के कामकाज का निरीक्षण करना होता है। एअर इंडिया के बेड़े में 34 बोइंग 787 और 23 बोइंग 777 शामिल हैं। गौरतलब है कि डीजीसीए ने एक जुलाई से 4 जुलाई तक यह ऑडिट किया था।



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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

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Singapore in pact with IndiGo to boost tourism



Mumbai: The Singapore Tourism Board has signed an initial pact with domestic carrier IndiGo to boost tourism and travel between the two countries, said a statement on Tuesday. Under the year-long strategic pact, the two partners will promote the island-city nation as a leading leisure and business destination for Indian travellers and boost bookings through the airline's extensive network, it said. India, according to STB, remains one of Singapore's top three tourism source markets, building on its strong performance in 2024. #1



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Airlines expect cargo biz boost from India-UK FTA

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Carriers see enhanced opportunities for air cargo business with the signing of India-UK comprehensive economic and trade agreement (CETA) last week. CETA will provide duty free access to 99 per cent of India's exports and help double current bilateral trade to over \$110 billion by 2030.

For airlines, an increase in trade will lead to better product mix and higher yields.

"India is a vital market for our business, and this agreement will further build on our longstanding customer relationships to unlock fresh opportunities for trade," said David Shepherd, CEO of IAG Cargo.

IAG group owns five airlines, including British Airways. The cargo business of all the airlines is combined at the group level.

"We look forward to supporting our customers as they leverage the opportunity that free trade agreement

brings," Shepherd added. UK-based Virgin Atlantic also remains bullish. "India is a key market for Virgin Atlantic cargo, and we expect it will continue to grow," said the airline. Carriers from India and UK operate around 40 daily flights between the two countries.

London Heathrow airport is also the largest destination for Indian travellers in Europe, and the second largest overall after Dubai. Air India remains the largest airline in the India-UK market, though it has cut capacity after last month's Ahmedabad air crash.

British Airways is the second-largest carrier followed by Virgin Atlantic and IndiGo (which began Manchester operations this month). The market demand is also served by carriers in West Asia and Europe, which also operate freighters to both the countries. For non-stop carriers like Air India, perishable products, general cargo, garments and courier form significant air cargo volume on UK routes.



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BUSINESS LINE

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30 JULY 2025

Fully transparent with audits during DGCA safety review, says Air India

Our Bureau
New Delhi

The Tata Group-promoted Air India said on Tuesday that it has been “fully transparent” with auditors during the annual Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) safety review held in July.

The airline’s statement comes after the DGCA shared 51 findings with Air India post the audit.

Notably, the annual audit was not related to the Boeing 787 crash that occurred last month in Ahmedabad.

“All airlines undergo regular audits to test and continuously strengthen processes. Air India’s annual DGCA audit took place in July, during which it was fully transparent with auditors in the spirit of such continuous improvement,” said

an Air India spokesperson.

“We acknowledge receipt of the findings, and will submit our response to the regulator within the stipulated time frame, along with the details of the corrective actions taken.”

According to Reuters, the DGCA, in a 11-page report, noted several Level I breaches. These need to be fixed by July 30, while 44 non-compliances would be required to be resolved by August 23.

Speaking to *businessline*, industry sources cited that Air India has completed corrective actions on the Level I findings.

The audit report found recurrent training gaps, according to Reuters, for some unspecified Boeing 787 and 777 pilots, saying they had not completed their monitoring duties – where they don’t fly but observe the

functioning of instruments in the cockpit – ahead of mandatory periodic evaluations.

SAFETY RISKS

Besides, the DGCA report flagged operational and safety risks, stating that Air India did not do “proper route assessments” for Category C airports.

They said that Air India conducted training operating flights to and from Category C airports with simulators that did not meet qualification standards.

Furthermore, the DGCA had earlier flagged concerns about Air India pilots breaching the limits of their flight-duty periods.

In addition, the regulator had previously criticised the airline’s rostering system, which led to lapses such as the deployment of lesser number of crew members for some flights.



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BUSINESS STANDARD

DELHI

30 JULY 2025

DGCA flags lack of pilot training, poor rostering in A-I audit

REUTERS
29 July

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), India's aviation watchdog, found 51 safety lapses at Air India (A-I) in its July audit, including lack of adequate training for some pilots, use of unapproved simulators and a poor rostering system, according to a government report seen by *Reuters*.

The annual audit was not related to the deadly Boeing 787 crash last month that killed 260 people in Ahmedabad, but its findings come as the airline faces renewed scrutiny after the accident.

The Tata group-owned airline is

already facing warning notices for running planes without checking emergency equipment, not changing engine parts in time and forging records, along with other lapses related to crew fatigue management.

The 11-page confidential audit report from the DGCA noted seven "Level I" significant breaches which need to be fixed by July 30, and 44 other non-compliances classified which need to be resolved by August 23.

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Boeing stems cash outflow as jet deliveries rebound

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Boeing Co managed to almost halt its cash outflow in the second quarter, indicating that a turnaround initiated by Chief Executive Officer Kelly Ortberg a year ago is paying off as the company delivers more aircraft.

The planemaker consumed just \$200 million in the three months, far less than the \$1.8 billion analysts had expected. The company also reported a smaller-than-expected loss for the quarter as well as revenue that beat estimates.

Boeing is emerging from one of the toughest periods in its recent

history, including a near-catastrophic accident at the start of 2024 and a debilitating strike in the final months. The crises squeezed the company's finances and spurred Boeing to sell equity worth almost \$24 billion. Ortberg, an aerospace veteran, came out of retirement last year to lead the revival. "We're just over halfway through 2025 and I'm pleased with our progress," Ortberg said in a message to employees. "Change takes time, but we're starting to see a difference in our performance across the business."

Over the course of last year, the company burned through more than \$14 billion in cash. Since then, aircraft orders have become an

Smoother takeoff in Q2

38
737s produced per month

\$22.7 billion
Revenue

\$0.2 billion
Operating cash flow

\$619 billion
Total backlog



important negotiation tool in US tariff negotiations, with President Donald Trump tying many trade accords to Boeing plane orders.

That, in turn, has supported Boeing's business. It has won more orders so far this year than Airbus SE, its European rival. Boeing's

defense business was profitable for a second consecutive quarter, while its commercial jet deliveries are rising as its factories settle into a steadier production tempo. Boeing delivered 280 aircraft in the first half, the most in the first six months of a year since 2018. Boeing shares advanced 2.8 per cent before the start of regular trading in New York. Through Monday's close, the stock has risen 34 per cent this year, the best performance among the 30-member Dow Jones Industrial Average. That reverses investor losses suffered with one of the stock's worst annual performances last year, when Boeing declined 32 per cent.

Sales were \$22.75 billion, Boeing said in a statement, about \$1 billion more than analysts predicted. The company recorded an adjusted loss per share of \$1.24, better than the expected \$1.40 loss.

The earnings included a \$445 million cost to settle a US criminal case related to two fatal crashes of its 737 Max jets.

Boeing has been making 737 jets at a 38-jet monthly pace since May, but will need approval from the Federal Aviation Administration before raising output to 42-jets pace. Monthly production of the 787 Dreamliner model has been raised to a seven-jet monthly rate, Ortberg said.



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एयर एशिया; घरेलू व अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों पर आकर्षक छूट

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AI slide check overdue, finds audit by DGCA

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JULY 28

The government on Monday informed the Rajya Sabha that during an audit of Air India, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) found that the inspection of an emergency slide was overdue.

The aircraft was immediately grounded until the necessary rectification was completed. Enforcement action has been initiated against Air India and the responsible personnel in accordance with the DGCA's Enforcement Policy and Procedure Manual, Union minister of state for civil aviation Murlidhar Mohol said in a written reply.

However, the minister did not provide specific details regarding the timing of the audit or when enforcement action was initiated.

The response came to a question on whether the government was aware that Air India aircraft were allowed to operate

with overdue emergency slide inspections in the weeks preceding the crash of Flight AI-171 in June 2025, in violation of mandatory safety norms.

"DGCA immediately grounded the aircraft until the required rectification was completed. Enforcement action has been initiated against Air India and the responsible personnel," the minister reiterated.

Air India has recently come under the DGCA's scanner for various lapses. Mohol noted that the DGCA ensures airline compliance with safety and maintenance standards through regular surveillance, spot checks, night inspections, and oversight of airline personnel.

"In case of violations, the DGCA takes enforcement action as per the procedures outlined in its Enforcement Policy and Procedure Manual. This may include warnings, suspensions, cancellations, and the imposition of financial penalties on airlines or personnel.



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DGCA Audit Finds 100 Violations, Observations Related to Air India

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Mumbai: Aviation safety regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has come across around 100 violations and observations related to Tata Group-owned Air India's training, crew's rest and duty period norms, and airfield qualification, among others, sources said on Tuesday.

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The detailed audit at Air India's main base in Gurugram was carried out from July 1 to July 4 as part of the operations, flight scheduling, rostering and various other areas, according to a source.

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ADITYA KALRA & ABHJITH GANAPAVARAM
New Delhi, July 29

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The annual audit was not related to the deadly Boeing 787 crash last month that killed 260 people in Ahmedabad, but its findings come as the airline faces renewed scrutiny after the accident.

IN SPOTLIGHT

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Tata acquired Air India from the government in 2022. While it has aggressively expanded its international network, it faces persistent complaints from passengers, who often take to social media to show soiled seats, broken armrests, non-operational entertainment systems and dirty cabin areas.

Reuters reported last week that Air India's senior executives, including the airline's director of flight operations and its director of training, were sent notices on July 23 flagging 29 "systemic" lapses, pulling up the airline for ignoring "repeated" warnings. Air India has said it will respond to the regulator.



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Boeing's losses shrink as jet deliveries rebound

DAN CATCHPOLE
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BOEING'S QUARTERLY LOSS more than halved and was much smaller than analysts expected as the US planemaker ramped up jet deliveries, recovering from a regulatory crisis and a major strike that halted most production last year.

The results highlighted Boeing's efforts to cautiously increase monthly output this year, following years of quality issues and production delays on its flagship 737 MAX. Increased deliveries mark a pivotal step in Boeing's effort to rebound from years of production disruptions and crises that piled on debt, increasing the urgency of accelerating output to restore financial stability.

The planemaker posted an adjusted core loss per share of \$1.24 for the quarter through June, compared with a \$2.90 loss a year ago. Analysts had expected a loss of \$1.48 per share.

KELLY ORTBERG,
CEO, BOEING

I like the way tariff situation is playing out...It's good for our business



The company is still developing solutions to address several lingering issues stalling certification, Boeing CEO Kelly Ortberg told CNBC.

"I like the way this tariff situation is playing out," he said. "It's good for our business, is good for aerospace, and will create jobs in the US." **REUTERS**

Boeing, Saab in talks with BAE on UK jet trainer bid

BOEING AND SWEDEN'S Saab are in talks with Britain's BAE Systems about teaming up on a future replacement of Britain's Hawk trainer in a growing niche of the fast jet industry, three sources said.

Boeing and Saab have jointly developed the T-7 advanced trainer for the US Air Force, while Britain has said it plans to replace the out-of-production Hawk fleet, part of which is instantly recognisable through its Red Arrows display team.

The proposals are at an early stage and details are still to be worked out, with no guarantee that an agreement can be reached, one of the sources said.

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Delhi to Surat afares 124% higher than to Ahmedabad

Melvyn Thomas

SURAT

In a glaring example of fare disparity in India's aviation sector, passengers flying from Delhi to Surat are being charged up to 124% more compared to those flying to Ahmedabad, and 65% higher than flights to Vadodara. The revelation, brought to light by members of the We Work for Working Airports group, has sparked outrage among frequent flyers.

For Monday's flights, Delhi to Surat tickets cost Rs 6,135 on Air India Express and Rs 6,151 on IndiGo. In stark contrast, Delhi to Vadodara flights are priced at Rs 3,699 (IndiGo) and Rs 3,711 (Air India). Even more shocking, Delhi to Ahmedabad fares are as low as Rs 2,738 with SpiceJet.

"It's nothing short of daylight robbery," said Rajiv Desai, a frequent business traveler from Surat. "We're being forced to pay premium fares for low-cost carriers. It's ironic that Air India Express, which was expected to offer affordable tickets, is now the most expensive."



The issue runs deeper. When Air India exited Surat Airport on March 3, 2024, the city was portrayed as a hub for budget flyers. However, ever since Air India Express replaced its parent company, hopes of affordable flying from Surat have been shattered. Flyers allege that Air India Express has consistently charged 50% to 100% more than Air India did.

"They are exploiting Surat passengers because we have limited options," said Meena Shah, a marketing professional. "Many of us still choose to fly from Surat out of convenience, but it feels like we're being punished for our loyalty."

While Surat continues to see a rise in passenger traffic,

the steep ticket pricing is turning into a burden for travelers. Ironically, despite being served by a low-cost airline, Surat flyers are paying more than travelers from cities served by full-service carriers.

Experts argue that the high fares indicate a failure in fair route pricing mechanisms. Aviation observers believe the situation stems from lack of airline competition at Surat Airport and urge the Ministry of Civil Aviation to intervene.

Meanwhile, passengers continue to demand transparency and parity. "We don't mind paying fair prices, but this is a clear case of unjust exploitation," said Manish Bhatt, an IT consultant based in Surat.



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डीजीसीए को एयर इंडिया में 100 खामियों का पता चला

जांच

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। एयर इंडिया विमान हादसे के बाद कंपनी से जुड़ी खामियां लगातार सामने आ रही। नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) द्वारा जुलाई में किए गए ऑडिट में करीब 100 खामियों का पता चला है।

डीजीसीए के अनुसार खामियों में पायलटों को पकड़ने प्रशिक्षण नहीं मिलना, प्रशिक्षण के लिए गैर प्रमाणित सिमुलेटरों का प्रयोग और खराब गैरस्ट्रिंग प्रणाली प्रमुखता से शामिल है। इसके अलावा विमानन सेवा से जुड़ी शिक्षा और अन्य कर्मियों शामिल हैं। हालांकि ऑडिट रिपोर्ट का बोर्डिंग विमान हादसे से कोई संबंध नहीं है। हालांकि हादसे के बाद विमान कंपनी को सुरक्षा नाच में गे खुलासा हुआ है। गबाइर पन्नी को रिपोर्ट में डीजीसीए ने लेवल-1 के लिए कुल सात बिंदुओं को प्रमुखता से उठाया है। नवसे कंपनी को 30 जुलाई तक हर साल में ठीक करने को कहा है। इसी तरह 44 अन्य खामियों को 23 अगस्त तक ठीक करने का समय दिया है। ऑडिट डीजीसीए के दस इंस्पेक्टरों और चार ऑडिटर ने किया है। मालूम हो कि इससे पहले भी सामने आई कई रिपोर्ट में खामियां मिली हैं। 23 जुलाई को डीजीसीए ने लगातार मिल रही खामियों को लेकर एयर इंडिया को चार करण बताओ नोटिस भी जारी किए थे।

एयर इंडिया के पायलट लगातार दुर्घटनां समय सीमा का उल्लंघन कर रहे हैं। ऑडिट रिपोर्ट में इसका निरूपण करते हुए कहा है कि पिछले महीने एयर इंडिया के विमान एअर-787 इटली के मिलान से दिल्ली आ रहा था। इसके पायलट ने चार घंटे अटॉमिड अधिक इन्ट्री की थी।

प्रशिक्षण को गंभीरता से नहीं लिया

डीजीसीए ने ऑडिट रिपोर्ट में स्पष्ट कहा है कि बोर्डिंग 787 और 777 के कुछ पायलटों को पर्याप्त प्रशिक्षण नहीं दिया गया। पायलटों ने अपनी निगरानी ड्यूटी को भी पूरा नहीं किया। इन पायलटों ने विमान को नहीं उड़ाना पर कॉन्सिडर से जुड़ी तकनीकी जानकारी और गतिविधियों को अनिवार्य रूप से होने वाले मूल्यांकन के लिए सीखा और समझा था, लेकिन प्रशिक्षण प्रक्रिया को गंभीरता से नहीं लिया गया।

मार्गों का सटीक विश्लेषण नहीं

डीजीसीए ने रिपोर्ट में लिखा कि एयर इंडिया ने सी बेगी वाते एयरपोर्ट के लिए बेस्तर दंग से मार्ग का विश्लेषण नहीं किया। इससे दुर्घटनापूर्ण लेअउट या भ्रमण होता है। ऐसे हवाई क्षेत्रों के लिए प्रशिक्षण का उपयोग ऐसे सिमुलेटरों पर किया गया जो मानकों पर खरा नहीं उतरते हैं। स्पष्ट है कि दुर्घटनापूर्ण एयरपोर्ट से जुड़ी दुर्घटनाओं को दरकिनार किया गया।

लेवल-1 के तहत गैर अनुपालन में आता है। विमान में बहुत कम क्रू सदस्य होते हैं जो मानक के अनुसार पर्याप्त नहीं पाना सपा।

एयर इंडिया ने रिपोर्ट पर कहा कि ऑडिट के दौरान कंपनी ने फाल्सिफा कर पालन किया। इस मामले पर कंपनी तब समय सीमा के भीतर डीजीसीए के समक्ष अपना पक्ष रखेगी। ऑडिट रिपोर्ट में जो कमियां आई हैं उसको सुधारने के विकल्प भी देंगे। खतरों को सुरक्षा कंपनी को पहली प्राथमिकता है।

DGCA audit flags 51 safety lapses in Air India's operations

Reuters

NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has found 51 safety lapses at Air India in its July audit, including lack of adequate training for some pilots, use of unapproved simulators and a poor rostering system, according to a government report seen by *Reuters*.

The Tata Group-owned airline is already facing warning notices for running planes without checking emergency equipment, not changing engine parts in time and forging records, along with other lapses related to crew fatigue management.

The 11-page confidential report from the DGCA said there were seven "Level I" significant breaches which need to be fixed by Wednesday, and 44 other non-compliances classified which need to be resolved by August 23.

Officials said they found "recurrent training gaps" for some unspecified Boeing 787 and 777 pilots, saying they had not completed their monitoring duties ahead of mandatory periodic evaluations.

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month that killed 260 people in Ahmedabad, but its findings come as the airline faces renewed scrutiny after the accident.

The officials wrote in their report that Air India did not do "proper route assessments" for some so-called Category C airports – which may have challenging layouts or terrain – and conducted training for such airfields with simulators that did not meet qualification standards. "This may account to non-consideration of safety risks during approaches to challenging airports," the report said.

Air India said it was "fully transparent" during the audit. It added it will "submit our response to the regulator within the stipulated time frame, along with the details of the corrective actions."

INDIAN-ORIGIN MAN DISRUPTS FLIGHT WITH CHANTS, HELD

LONDON: A 41-year-old man, believed to be of Indian heritage, has appeared in court in Scotland, charged with assault and endangering the safety of an aircraft after disrupting a flight from London Luton airport to Glasgow with loud chants.

Abhay Devdas Nayak, who was arrested after the easyJet flight landed at Glasgow on Sunday morning, did not enter any guilty or not-guilty plea as he appeared on Monday at Paisley Sheriff Court, bordering the Scottish city of Glasgow.

Videos circulating on social media showed the accused shout "death to America, death to Trump" and "Allahu Akbar".

"We were called to a report of a man causing a disturbance on a flight arriving into Glasgow around 8.20am on Sunday, 27 July, 2025," Police Scotland said in a statement. "We believe the incident to be contained and that nobody else was involved. We are aware of videos circulating online and these are being assessed by counter-terrorism officers," the statement said.

Nayak is from Luton in Bedfordshire near London. The videos circulating online of the incident show the accused being tackled to the floor of the plane by two co-passengers. The pilot is then said to have executed an emergency landing where Nayak was arrested by Police Scotland officers.

He is now remanded to judicial custody until a court appearance next week. **PTI**



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DGCA's Air India audit finds around 100 safety violations

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the story citing an 11-page confidential audit report, revealed that the violations included seven "Level I" significant breaches requiring immediate correction by July 30, while 44 other non-compliances must be resolved by August 23.

Air India acknowledged the findings, stating it was "fully transparent" during the audit and would "submit our response to the regulator within the stipulated time frame, along with details of corrective actions taken."

The DGCA did not respond to requests for a comment. →P9

Faulty simulators, training gaps among 100 violations by AI: Audit

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The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) made 51 findings containing the violations and observations during its July 1-4 audit, at least two senior officials familiar with the matter told Hindustan Times. The review was unrelated to the investigation into the June 12 crash of Air India flight 171, which claimed 260 lives.

Many of the violations identified fall under 'level 1' safety classification, considered critical lapses requiring immediate corrective measures to ensure safe airline operations. Air India has been given until July 30 to submit a detailed report on corrective actions taken.

"The audit was conducted as part of steps taken to ensure world-best safety practices," said a second official familiar with the matter, emphasising the regulator's ongoing efforts to enhance India's aviation safety framework.

Reuters, which first reported the story citing an 11-page confidential audit report, revealed that the violations included seven "Level 1" significant breaches requiring immediate correction by July 30, while 44 other non-compliances must be resolved by August 23. The audit, conducted by 10 DGCA inspectors and four additional auditors, uncovered critical operational gaps across multiple areas. Reuters reported that investigators found "recurrent training gaps" amongst Boeing 787 and 777 pilots who had not completed mandatory monitoring duties ahead of periodic evaluations. Air India operates 34 Boeing 787s and 23 Boeing 777s, according to flight tracking website Flightradar24.

Amongst the most serious violations, Reuters reported that an



Wreckage of the AI-171 plane that crashed moments after take off in Ahmedabad. PTI

Air India Boeing 787 flight from Milan to New Delhi exceeded flight duty time limitations by 2 hours and 18 minutes, classified as a "Level 1" non-compliance.

The audit also found that Air India failed to conduct proper route assessments for challenging Category C airports and used simulators that did not meet qualification standards for training, the agency stated. The carrier's rostering system was criticised for lacking "hard alerts" when minimum crew requirements weren't met, with at least four international flights operating with insufficient

cabin crew, according to the Reuters report.

Additional safety lapses included inconsistencies in door and equipment checks, gaps in training documentation, and the absence of chief pilots for the Airbus A320 and A350 fleets. "This results in a lack of accountability and effective monitoring of flight operations for these aircraft types," the audit report stated, according to Reuters.

Air India acknowledged the findings, stating it was "fully transparent" during the audit and would "submit our response to the regulator within the stipulated time frame, along with details of corrective actions taken."

The DGCA did not respond to requests for a comment.

The audit comes as Air India faces mounting regulatory pressure. On July 23, the DGCA issued four show cause notices to the airline based on voluntary disclosures, whilst senior executives received separate notices highlighting 29 "systemic" lapses.

Following the June crash, the DGCA conducted mandatory safety checks on all Boeing 787 aircraft and expressed concerns about increasing incidents involving both Air India and Air India Express flights. The regulator has given the airline one month to reassess its operations.

Since its 2022 acquisition by the Tata Group, the carrier has aggressively expanded its international network, but it continues to face passenger complaints about maintenance and cabin conditions. Last year, aviation authorities issued warnings or fines to airlines in 23 instances, with 11 involving the Air India Group, Reuters reported. The largest penalty was \$127,000 imposed on Air India for "insufficient oxygen on board" during international flights.

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau continues its separate investigation into the June crash, having issued a preliminary report a month after the incident.

(With inputs from Reuters)



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Action taken as AI emergency slide inspection overdue: MoS

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NEW DELHI: The country's civil aviation regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), initiated disciplinary action against Air India after it was found that the airline's aircraft emergency slide inspections were overdue, minister of state for civil aviation Murlidhar Mohol informed Parliament in a written reply on Monday.

Mohol said the issue came to light in an audit conducted by DGCA.

Replying to DMK MP Tiruchi Siva on a question if the government was aware of the airline's aircraft being allowed to fly with overdue emergency slide inspections, weeks before the Air India 171 crash, Mohol stated, "During the audit of M/s Air India, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has found that inspection of emergency slide was overdue. DGCA immediately grounded the aircraft till the required rectification was carried out."



DMK MP Tiruchi Siva asked if the Centre knew that AI flights were flying with overdue emergency slide checks, weeks before Gujarat crash. REUTERS

He added, "DGCA has initiated enforcement action against Air India and the responsible personnel as per Enforcement Policy and Procedure Manual of DGCA." He, however, did not give details of the audit.

The AI 171 flight that was to operate from Ahmedabad to Gatwick, London crashed moments after take-off on June 12, after which the aviation regulator asked the airline to conduct a series of checks not only on the

DGCA HAS INITIATED ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST AIR INDIA AND THE RESPONSIBLE PERSONNEL: MIN

B787s, the make of the aircraft involved in the crash, but also on its other widebody aircraft.

Mohol said DGCA ensures compliance by airlines with all safety and maintenance standards through the mechanism of conducting spot checks and night surveillance of airlines and their personnel.

"In case of a violation, DGCA takes enforcement action in accordance with procedures prescribed in Enforcement Policy and Procedure Manual. The action consists of warning, suspension, cancellation, including imposition of financial penalty to the airlines/personnel. DGCA officials are well trained to perform the function," he said.



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डीजीसीए रपट में एअर इंडिया से संबंधित लगभग 100 उल्लंघनों का उल्लेख

मुंबई, 29 जुलाई (भाषा)।

विमानन सुरक्षा निवामक नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय को टाटा समूह के स्वामित्व वाली एअर इंडिया से संबंधित लगभग 100 उल्लंघनों और निष्कर्षों का पता चला है।

सूत्रों ने मंगलवार को यह जानकारी दी। उक्त उल्लंघन और निष्कर्ष प्रशिक्षण, चालक दल के आराम और कार्य अवधि के मानदंडों, तथा हवाई क्षेत्र योग्यता सहित अन्य मुद्दों से संबंधित हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि इनमें से सात स्तर-1 के उल्लंघन हैं, जिन्हें गंभीर सुरक्षा जोखिम माना जाता है और एअरलाइन को इन पर तत्काल सुधारात्मक कार्रवाई करने की जरूरत होती है। एअर इंडिया ने एक बयान में निष्कर्षों के मिलने की पुष्टि की और कहा कि वह निर्धारित समयसीमा के भीतर डीजीसीए को अपना जवाब देगी। ऑडिट के निष्कर्ष ऐसे समय में आए हैं, जब 12 जून को हुए विमान हादसे के बाद निवामक एअरलाइन की

गहन जांच कर रही है। एअर इंडिया ने बयान में कहा कि सभी एअरलाइन कंपनियों प्रक्रियाओं के परीक्षण और निरंतर सुदृढीकरण करने के लिए नियमित ऑडिट से गुजरती हैं। एअर इंडिया का वार्षिक डीजीसीए ऑडिट जुलाई में हुआ था, जिसके दौरान लगातार सुधार की भावना से ऑडिट करने वालों के साथ पूरी पारदर्शिता बरती गई थी। एअरलाइन ने कहा कि हमें निष्कर्षों के मिलने की सूचना है और हम तब समयसीमा के भीतर निवामक को अपना जवाब देंगे। साथ ही किए गए सुधारात्मक कार्यों का ब्योरा भी देंगे। एअर इंडिया अपने यात्रियों और कर्मचारियों की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए पूरी तरह प्रतिबद्ध है। सूत्रों ने कहा कि ऑडिट रपट में प्रशिक्षण, चालक दल के आराम और कार्य अवधि के मानदंडों, प्रशिक्षण, अपर्याप्त चालक दल को पूरा करना और हवाई क्षेत्र योग्यता आदि से संबंधित कुल 100 उल्लंघन और निष्कर्ष हैं।



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Boeing stems cash outflow as aircraft deliveries advance

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Boeing Co. managed to almost halt its cash burn in the second quarter, indicating that a turnaround initiated by chief executive officer (CEO) Kelly Ortberg a year ago is paying off as the company delivers more aircraft.

The planemaker generated cash from operations for the first time since 2023 and consumed just \$200 million in free cash flow during the three

months, far less than the \$1.8 billion analysts had expected. The company also reported a smaller-than-expected loss for the quarter as well as revenue that beat estimates.

Boeing is emerging from one of the toughest periods in its recent history, including a near-catastrophic accident at the start of 2024 and a debilitating strike in the final months. The crises squeezed the company's finances and spurred Boeing to sell equity worth almost \$24 billion.

"We're just over halfway

through 2025 and I'm pleased with our progress," Ortberg said in a message to employees. "Change takes time, but we're starting to see a difference in our performance across the business."

Over the course of last year, the company burned through more than \$14 billion in cash. Since then, aircraft orders have become an important negotiation tool in US tariff negotiations, with US President Donald Trump tying many trade accords to Boeing plane orders. That, in turn, has

supported Boeing's business.

The US manufacturer has won more orders so far this year than Airbus SE, its European rival. Boeing's defence business was profitable for a second consecutive quarter, while its commercial jet deliveries are rising as its factories settle into a steadier production tempo. Boeing delivered 280 aircraft in the first half, the most in the first six months of a year since 2018.

Boeing shares rose as much as 1.5% at the start of trading in New York before giving up

gains and losing as much as 1.7%. Through Monday's close, the stock had risen 34% this year, the best performance among the 30-member Dow Jones Industrial Average. That reverses investor losses suffered with one of the stock's worst annual performances last year, when Boeing declined 32%.

The improvement in Boeing's cash performance so far this year puts the planemaker on a course to generate positive free cash flow over the back half, a milestone closely

watched by analysts given the company's \$53.3 billion total debt load.

Second quarter sales grew 35% from a year ago to \$22.75 billion, Boeing said in a statement, about \$1 billion more than analysts predicted. The company recorded an adjusted loss per share of \$1.24, better than the expected \$1.40 loss.

But the turnaround is still in the early stages, and far from assured given the company's debt load and tumultuous end markets.



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Air India audit finds 100 safety lapses

Aviation safety regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has come across around 100 violations and observations related to Tata Group-owned Air India's training, crew's rest and duty period norms, and airfield qualification, among others, sources said on Tuesday.

Of these, as many as seven are Level-1 violations, which are considered critical safety risks and require immediate corrective action by the air operator, they said.

Air India, in a statement, acknowledged receipt of the findings and said it will submit its response to the DGCA within the stipulated time frame.

The audit findings come at a time when the airline is under intense scrutiny by the DGCA.

"All airlines undergo regular audits to test and continuously strengthen processes. Air India's annual DGCA audit took place in July, during which it was fully transparent with auditors in the spirit of such continuous improvement," Air India said in the statement. **PTI**

नई चुनौती: आकाश में उड़ते विमानों में कैसे सुरक्षित रहे जीवन

दुर्घटनाएं बढ़ीं, प्लेन के डिजाइन में बदलाव की तैयारी

न्यूयॉर्क @ पत्रिका. हाल के वर्षों में हमने भारत समेत दुनिया के अनेक हिस्सों में एयर टर्बुलेंस, हवाई दुर्घटनाओं की संख्या में लगातार इजाफा होते देखा है। रीडिंग विश्वविद्यालय में वायुमंडलीय विज्ञान के प्रोफेसर पॉल विलियम्स का दावा है कि 1979 से एयर टर्बुलेंस की संख्या 55% बढ़ी है। अनुमान है कि 2050 तक इनकी संख्या तीन गुनी हो सकती है। इससे निपटने के लिए दो तरफा प्रयास हो रहे। पहला, ऐरोप्लेन की डिजाइन में बदलाव दूसरा, मौसम अख्ययन में एअर का प्रयोग।

डिजाइन-तकनीक में बदलाव
1. ऑस्ट्रिया के बाडेन स्थित टर्बुलेंस रिसर्च सेंटर ने छोटे 'फ्लैपलेट्स' विकसित किए हैं जिन्हें विमान के पंखों पर लगे बड़े फ्लैप्स (या ऐलेरॉन) में लगाया जा सकता है। यह तकनीक एयर टर्बुलेंस भार को 80% से भी कम कर सकती है।
2. **एडवांस माइक्रोफोन:** नासा के लेंगली रिसर्च सेंटर के शोधकर्ताओं ने विशेष रूप से निर्मित माइक्रोफोन का परीक्षण किया, जो 300 मील (480 किमी) दूर तक टर्बुलेंस का पता लगाने में सक्षम है।
एयर टर्बुलेंस का पूर्वानुमान: केलटेक-एनवीडिया की टीम ने ड्रोन में बदलाव कर एक 'विंड टनल' के अंदर अत्यधिक टर्बुलेंस पैदा किया। नतीजे उत्साहवर्धक हैं।



पांच साल में प्रमुख एयरलाइंस की रद्द उड़ानें



3 सालों में घटा रिपेयर-मेंटेनेंस का हिस्सा

वित्त वर्ष	एयर इंडिया	इंडिगो	स्पाइस जेट
2022	13.3%	18.6%	5.4
2023	13.1%	14.3%	4.9
2024	14.7%	15.7%	3.6



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DELHI

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Indian charged with disrupting Glasgow-bound flight with chants

Naomi Canton

London: A 41-year-old man, believed to be an Indian national, has been charged with assault and endangering the safety of an aircraft after an easyJet flight was forced to make an emergency landing in Glasgow on Sunday after he threatened to bomb the plane while shouting "Allahu Akbar".

Abhay Devdas Nayak, who lives in Luton, appeared in court on Monday for hearing, where he was presented with the first draft of charges against him in solemn proceedings. Nayak was arrested after the flight made an emergency landing at Glasgow airport on Sunday.

In the middle of the flight from Luton to Glasgow, a man came out of the toilet and started shouting: "I am going to bomb the plane! Death to America! Death to Trump". He repeatedly chanted "Allahu Akbar".

He also pushed female cabin crew. A male passenger then tackled him and pinned him to the floor. Two other men also helped restrain him. They searched the man's pockets while the airline crew searched his bag. The men found his wallet and "he appeared to be an Indian national carrying a refugee status card", a witness said. When asked why he was threatening to bomb the plane, he said: "Because I want to send a message to Trump." The incident happened while US President Trump was on a trip to Scotland.



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Indian killed in a small-plane crash in Canada

Ottawa: An Indian national has died in a small plane crash near Deer Lake in eastern Canada, the Consulate General of India in Toronto said Tuesday.

The plane crashed shortly after take-off near Deer Lake regional airport Saturday evening, according to CBC news. "With deep sorrow, we mourn the tragic passing of Gautam Santhosh, an Indian national, who lost his life in an accident involving a commercial survey aircraft near Deer Lake," the consulate said. Police there were two persons on board — the pilot, 54, and his lone passenger, 27. Both were pronounced dead at the scene. The cause of the crash is under investigation. PTI



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AHMEDABAD

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S'pore Air profit falls 59% as AI loss hits margin

New Delhi: Singapore Airlines Group's profit declined nearly 59 per cent to 186 million Singapore dollars in the June quarter as losses of Air India and other associated companies, along with lower interest income, trimmed its bottom line.

Singapore Airlines, which holds a 25.1 per cent stake in loss-making Air India, saw its total revenue rise 1.5 per cent to SGD 4.79 billion, whereas net profit dropped 58.8 per cent to SGD 186 million in the June quarter compared to the year-ago period.

In addition to the lower operating profit, the reduction in net profit was largely attributable to a lower interest income on the back of lower cash balances and interest rate cuts, the airline said in a statement on Monday. ११



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BANGALORE

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B'luru-Ho Chi Minh City daily flight on the cards

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Ho Chi Minh City: Flight travel between Bengaluru and Vietnam is set for a major boost with Vietjet, Vietnam's largest private carrier, planning to expand its Bengaluru (BLR)-Ho Chi Minh City (SGN) connection to daily service. Currently, the airline operates four flights per week between the two cities.

The airline is exploring this upgrade keeping in mind the increased interest being shown by Indian tourists, especially Bengaluru's high-spending tech crowd, in various exotic and offbeat desti-

nations of Vietnam. "The response to our Bengaluru-Ho Chi Minh City route has so far been quite encouraging, and we may upgrade our current four-times-a-week service to a daily service in the future," Kieu Duong, Vietjet's international PR officer, told TOI on the sidelines of a tour at the picturesque port city of Vung Tau in Vietnam earlier this month.

Tour operators have observed that Vietnamese destinations like Ho Chi Minh City combine rich cultural attractions, such as the War Remnants Museum, Saigon Opera House, Independence



VIETJET'S PLANS

Palace, and bustling Ben Thanh Market, with affordability in accommodation, food, and sightseeing. The direct service connects Bengaluru to SGN in just about 4 hours and 40 minutes, with flyers no longer having to go through the hassles of taking

connecting flights from other cities in India or from airports in Southeast Asia.

Vietjet currently operates flights to six Indian cities - Bengaluru, New Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, and Kochi. The airline is not only looking to tap into rising passenger traffic on the India-Vietnam sector, but is also keen on offering flyers from India easy connectivity to destinations in Australia and Far Eastern and Southeast Asian cities, with Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi as transit hubs. "We're very optimistic about our India operations, and our target is to of-

fer our guests an opportunity to enjoy a slice of Vietnam, while providing seamless connections to Australia, China and other destinations on our network," Kieu Duong added. The airline's two-class configuration on an Airbus A321 aircraft for the BLR-SGN route includes a premium economy SkyBoss class that allows access to dedicated check-in counters, airport lounge, priority boarding, and choice of onboard food and beverages.

(The writer was in Ho Chi Minh City recently on an invitation from Vietjet, Vietnam's private air carrier)



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CHENNAI

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Man tries to open emergency flight window, deboarded

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: A 27-year-old IIT Madras research scholar was deboarded from an Indigo flight on Sunday as he attempted to open the emergency window moments before take-off from Chennai airport.

The incident occurred around 1.30pm when the flight bound for Durgapur in West Bengal reached the runway with 176 passengers and cabin crew on board.

The pilot noticed an alarm for the attempt to open the emergency window and alerted the cabin crew. They questioned the passenger, a native of Telangana. Air traffic control teams were also alerted, and safety personnel boarded the flight

Representative image



LET OFF WITH A WARNING

to join the interrogation.

Though the flyer informed the crew that he did not intentionally attempt to open the window, safety personnel were not satisfied with his response and made him deboard the flight. Later, the flight resumed its journey around 2.20pm. The passenger was handed over to the local police station and was let off with a warning.

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JULY 27

Panic on Denver Airport runway: American Airlines aborts takeoff after gear malfunction; video shows passengers fleeing down slides as smoke engulfs plane

JULY 26

Air India flight to Mumbai returns to base minutes after take-off from Jaipur

JULY 23

IndiGo Flight From Ahmedabad Reports Engine Fire Before Takeoff; All Passengers Safe



JULY 26

Southwest aircraft takes a dive to avoid midair collision

JULY 25

Video: Plane Crashes Into Italian Highway, Killing Two In Fiery Explosion

@GoofyGiri

Air Travel Is Sending Shockwaves.. THOSE Who Already Have Fear of Flying r In Constant Panic Mode 😞

@Hindustani0707

Every few weeks, there seems to be some malfunction related to Boeing — and this raises serious concerns about the safety of air travel.

✈️ Passenger lives should never be at risk. FAA and airlines must prioritize safety over profits now. Boeing must be held accountable — before a major tragedy occurs.

@Heenu_Ri

All these news are making me paranoid. My last flight was horrible. The turbulence was so insane that one uncle shouted "kya ho gya". All of us were scared. I shared sobbing and couldn't control it. Flying is getting scarier day by day

@LostInAlabama2

Every person I know is having issues with flights. Delays, nose diving, near midair collisions, maintenance issues, the list goes on and on. Rare that a flight is eventful lately.

@karanjohar

Chalo ji.... Passport tijori main rakh lo !

@singhbalam1111

This year will be remembered for plane crashes.

A surge in searches around flight safety and fear of flying

While flying remains statistically one of the safest modes of transport, reports from Axios and CBS note a surge in queries like "is it safe to fly" and "fear of flying." Platforms like Reddit and X have also seen a marked rise in flight anxiety discussions, with Reddit posts on the topic jumping over 70% in some communities.

'Flying is getting scarier day by day'

An American Airlines flight caught fire at Denver Airport on Sunday, marking the latest in a series of aviation-related incidents that have heightened public concern. From the Ahmedabad crash last month to global events in the past week, including a private plane crash in Italy and midair flight diversions closer home, headlines reflect a growing sense of unease.



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Talk of the town

@ZuzaZasada

My fear of flying increases daily.



Passengers and crew evacuated American Airlines Flight 302, a Boeing 737 MAX 8, at Denver International Airport on Sunday