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Over 300 Delhi schools/institutes, several airports hit by bomb hoax

NEW DELHI, Sept 28: More than 300 schools and institutes in Delhi and several airports received bomb threats this morning, which were later declared a hoax, officials said.

The mails were sent by a group 'Terrorizers111', which had earlier also sent such threatening communications.

The messages landed in

the inboxes at 6.08 am of more than 300 e-mail addresses belonging to schools and institutions in Delhi. It was also sent to Delhi Airport among other airports in the country, a police officer said.

The subject line of the e-mail read – 'Bombs placed around your building, react or face the disaster.'

An official of the Delhi Fire

Services said two of the schools which received the mails were CRPF Public School in Dwarka, and Sarvodaya Vidyalaya near Qutub Minar.

"Police teams, fire personnel and bomb disposal units were promptly deployed to the affected schools to carry out a search operation properly. However, nothing suspicious was found," the official said. – PTI



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नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट की 24वीं बोर्ड बैठक में अहम निर्णय

- मुख्य सचिव एसपी गोयल की अध्यक्षता में बैठक
- मुख्य सचिव बने नायल के चेयरमैन

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 29 सितम्बर (देशबन्धु)। उत्तर प्रदेश के मुख्य सचिव एसपी गोयल की अध्यक्षता में नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (नायल) की 24वीं बोर्ड बैठक सोमवार लखनऊ में आयोजित की गई। बैठक में एक महत्वपूर्ण निर्णय लेते हुए गोयल को नायल के चेयरमैन के रूप में निदेशक बोर्ड में शामिल करने के प्रस्ताव को सर्वसम्मति से मंजूरी दी गई।

परियोजना की प्रगति पर चर्चा



बैठक में ग्रेटर नोएडा के सीईओ एनजी रवि कुमार और नोएडा के सीईओ लोकेश एम ने

ऑनलाइन हिस्सा लिया। वहीं, यमुना प्राधिकरण के सीईओ राकेश कुमार सिंह और

नायल के नोडल अधिकारी शैलेंद्र कुमार भाटिया ने लोकभवन में भौतिक रूप से उपस्थित रहकर परियोजना की प्रगति पर विस्तृत जानकारी साझा की। बोर्ड ने परियोजना के विकास कार्यों की समीक्षा की और आगामी कदमों पर विचार-विमर्श किया।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट की दिशा में तेजी

यह बैठक नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट परियोजना को गति प्रदान करने और इसकी प्रगति को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए महत्वपूर्ण रही। बोर्ड ने परियोजना के समयबद्ध कार्यान्वयन पर जोर दिया, ताकि यह उत्तर प्रदेश के विकास में मील का पत्थर साबित हो सके।



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Bomb threat emails target IGI airport, schools and institutions

TDG NETWORK
NEW DELHI

Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, several schools, and other institutions received bomb threat emails on Sunday, police said.

According to Delhi Police, "Bomb threat email has been sent to Delhi airport, schools and several other institutions. Investigation is being carried out."

The email claimed that bombs had been placed around school and airport administrations and warned of a "blood pool" if authorities did not act within 24 hours. The sender identified themselves as the leader of a terrorist group called "terrorizers III" and described themselves in threatening terms.

The mail said that bombs were placed around the administration of schools and airports, and there were 24 hours to react or face the blood pool, police said.

Further probe is being conducted, they



Representational Image.

added. Bomb threats have been repeatedly reported at educational institutions in the city in recent months.

About 8 days ago, several schools in Delhi, including DPS Dwarka, Krishna Model Public School, and Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, had also received bomb threats via phone calls. As a precaution, students and staff were evacuated, and police teams and bomb disposal squads were dispatched. DPS Dwarka announced the closure of its school and postponed mid-

term exams scheduled for the day, citing "unavoidable circumstances." Similarly, the University College of Medical Sciences received a similar email on September 9, which was found to be fake. On the same day, Maulana Azad Medical College and the Delhi Chief Minister's Secretariat also received bomb threats. According to DCP Nidhin Valsan, the email sent to the dean of MAMC did not contain specific details, but a bomb squad was dispatched to investigate.



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अहमदाबाद हवाई अड्डे पर बम की धमकी झूठी निकली

अहमदाबाद : अहमदाबाद हवाई अड्डे को बम की धमकी वाला एक ईमेल मिला, जो बाद में फर्जी निकला। पुलिस ने अज्ञात के खिलाफ प्राथमिकी दर्ज की है। अहमदाबाद के हवाई अड्डा पुलिस स्टेशन के निरीक्षक एनडी नाकुम ने बताया कि प्रारंभिक जांच से पता चला है कि व्यक्ति ने देश के कई अन्य हवाई अड्डों तथा सरकारी और निजी प्रतिष्ठानों को भी बम की धमकी वाला संदेश भेजा था। (पेट)



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अमरेली हवाई अड्डे पर विमान फिसला

अमरेली, एजेंसी। गुजरात के अमरेली हवाई अड्डे पर उतरने के दौरान रविवार दोपहर एक प्रशिक्षण विमान रनवे से फिसल गया। हालांकि प्रशिक्षु पायलट को कोई चोट नहीं आई।

अमरेली के कलेक्टर विकल्प भारद्वाज ने बताया कि एक सीट वाला विमान एक निजी विमानन संस्थान का था। हवाई अड्डे पर उतरने के दौरान प्रशिक्षण विमान रनवे से फिसल गया। विमान को कुछ नुकसान पहुंचा, लेकिन प्रशिक्षु पायलट सुरक्षित है।



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पटना एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों का हंगामा

मुश्किल सफर

पटना, हिन्दुस्तान प्रतिनिधि। जयप्रकाश नारायण अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर रविवार को दो विमानों के डायवर्ट होने और 14 के विलंब से आने के कारण यात्रियों ने हंगामा किया।

इंडिगो की दिल्ली-पटना फ्लाइट संख्या 6ई2769 सुबह 9:50 बजे पटना आने वाली थी, लेकिन रनवे पर जगह नहीं रहने के कारण उसे बनारस डायवर्ट कर दिया गया। इस विमान में पटना के लगभग 140 यात्री सवार थे। दिल्ली-पटना फ्लाइट संख्या एआई 407 शाम 15:30 बजे पटना हवाई अड्डे पर उतरने वाली थी, लेकिन विमान को वाराणसी

पश्चिम एक्सप्रेस के डिब्बे एक घंटे में दो बार अलग हुए

मुंबई, एजेंसी। महाराष्ट्र और गुजरात में रविवार को एक घंटे के भीतर बांद्रा टर्मिनस से अमृतसर जाने वाली पश्चिम एक्सप्रेस के डिब्बों के अलग होने की दो घटनाएँ सामने आईं। पहली घटना दोपहर 1:19 बजे वनगाँव और दहानू स्टेशनों के बीच हुई। डिब्बे जोड़ने के बाद दोपहर 1:46 बजे ट्रेन को रवाना किया गया। लेकिन, संजन स्टेशन पर दोपहर 02:10 बजे डिब्बा फिर से अलग हो गया। इस पर वलसाड से कैरिज एंड वैगन (सीएंडडब्ल्यू) कर्मचारियों को मौके पर सहायता के लिए भेजा गया और दोपहर 3:15 बजे मदद के लिए वलसाड से एक लोकोमोटिव इंजन रवाना किया गया। रेलवे सूत्रों ने बताया कि कोचों के बार-बार अलग होने के कारण का पता लगाने के लिए जांच जारी है।

डायवर्ट कर दिया गया। इसमें 120 से अधिक यात्री मौजूद थे। इसके अलावा दिल्ली, मुंबई और बेंगलुरु से आने वाली कई विमान विलंब ने आए और उड़े। यात्रियों ने एयरपोर्ट के आगमन और प्रस्थान टर्मिनल के बाहरी क्षेत्र में

हंगामा किया। यात्रियों का कहना था कि पर्व के समय लोग अधिक पैसे देकर टिकट बुक करते हैं, ताकि समय से घर पहुंच सकें। लेकिन विमान कंपनियों की ओर से अचानक बिना किसी सूचना के विमान को डायवर्ट कर दिया जाता है।



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Ahmedabad airport gets hoax bomb threat; FIR registered

The Ahmedabad airport received a bomb threat E-mail, which was later found to be a hoax, prompting police to register an FIR against the unidentified sender, officers said on Monday. A preliminary probe indicated that the person had sent the same text about bomb threats to several other airports as well as government and private establishments in the country, Ahmedabad's airport police station Inspector N.D. Nakum said. Upon learning about the E-mail, airport officials immediately convened an online meeting of the "bomb threat committee" and came to the conclusion that it was a "non-specific bomb threat", the FIR stated. PH



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THE PIONEER

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Over 300 schools, several airports receive hoax bomb threats

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
New Delhi

A wave of panic and extensive security operations swept across the National Capital Region (NCR) on Sunday after more than 300 schools and institutes in Delhi and several airports received bomb threats on Sunday morning, which were later declared a hoax.

The threatening emails landed in the inboxes of the institutions at 6:08 am. This simultaneous arrival at over 300 different email addresses highlights the calculated nature of the attack. Police officials have confirmed that the threats were sent by a group calling itself "Terrorizers111." This group has been linked to similar threatening communications in the past.

The email claimed explo-

sive devices had been planted. It chillingly asserted the bombs would be detonated within 24 hours. Despite the specific claims, police maintain a cautious public stance. They indicate that the language and non-specific nature of the threat suggest a hoax. This pattern has been seen in similar incidents across the city in recent months.

The security lockdown immediately focused on the IGI Airport, a critical piece of national infrastructure. Security was significantly tightened there as per protocol. At the same time, the threat sent security teams scrambling to multiple educational institutions. Among the first to publicly confirm receipt of the threats were CRPF Public School in Dwarka and a Sarvodaya Vidyalaya near Qutub Minar.



These initial threats impacting the schools were quickly declared a hoax. The Delhi Fire Services completed meticulous, hours-long searches. "Police teams, fire personnel, and bomb disposal units were promptly deployed to the affected schools to carry out a search operation properly," an offi-

cial with the Delhi Fire Services confirmed. He added that, "However, nothing suspicious was found." Rigorous anti-sabotage checks were conducted. These involved bomb disposal squads and dog squads. They confirmed the premises were safe. This allowed a gradual return to normal for the relieved staff



and parents.

The security situation was compounded by a similar scare at the Jammu airport earlier on the same day. A full-scale anti-sabotage operation was carried out there. A private airline had received a bomb threat via email. Security forces, including the Central Industrial Security

Force (CISF) and local police, conducted a comprehensive search. The drill was completed without any disruption to air traffic, which was a relief for travellers. Officials confirmed no suspicious items were found. The email threat was ultimately declared a hoax. "An email was received by a private airliner this

morning," an official of the Airport Authority of India stated. "Accordingly, a security drill in such situations was followed to rule out the presence of any explosive substance. The email was a hoax." A police complaint has been filed in connection with the Jammu incident.

The Delhi Police are currently focusing their technical investigation on tracing the source of the bulk threat email. They are determined to identify the individual or group responsible for this act. Authorities are treating this as an attempt to create massive public disorder and fear.

The fact that the same email was sent to over 300 schools and multiple airports simultaneously suggests a calculated attack on public confidence. It has stretched the capital's emergency

resources significantly and caused undue anxiety among parents and the public at large. Authorities are closely monitoring the situation as the probe continues into the source of the 'Terrorizers111' message.

In recent months, several educational institutions in the city have repeatedly been targeted with bomb threats. About a week ago, many schools, including DPS Dwarka, Krishna Model Public School, and another Sarvodaya Vidyalaya received such threats.

On September 9, the University College of Medical Sciences (UCMS) received a similar threat, which was later declared a hoax.

On the same day, bomb threats were also reported at Maulana Azad Medical College and the Delhi Secretariat.

Trainer aircraft skids off runway at Amreli airport

A single-seater trainer aircraft skidded off the runway during landing at the Amreli airport on Sunday afternoon, though the trainee pilot was unhurt, district officials said.

The small aircraft belonged to a private aviation academy operating from the airport, Amreli collector Vikalp Bhardwaj said.

"The trainer aircraft skid off the runway soon after the plane landed at the airport. It ran into the unpaved portion along the runway due to unknown reasons. While the aircraft sustained some damage, the trainee pilot escaped unhurt. Civil aviation authorities will conduct further probe into the incident," Bhardwaj said.

A video, captured by someone living close to the airport, showed the aircraft lying on the ground in a tilted position some distance away from the runway.



The damaged single-seater aircraft belonged to a private aviation academy

In April this year, a trainee pilot lost his life when a trainer aircraft crashed in a residential area near Amreli town after taking off from the airport. PTI



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Flyer caught smoking inside flight's lavatory, detained at city airport

Mumbai: A 25-year-old flyer was detained at the Mumbai airport after he was caught smoking inside the aircraft's lavatory of a Phuket to Mumbai flight. The flyer was later handed over to Sahar police where an FIR was registered against him.

The incident occurred on Sept 26. The aircraft left Phuket airport around 3.35 pm. The 'no smoking' sign was turned on and cabin crew members had also informed all passengers that smoking was prohibited inside the flight. Later, a fire alarm went off in the rear portion of the aircraft. A cabin crew member went to investigate and found a flyer who had been smoking e-cigarettes. The pilot was informed, and after the aircraft landed around 5.45 pm, the passenger was handed over to the airline's security staff. He is a resident of Nepean Sea Road in south Mumbai. TNN



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AMAR UJALA

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एअर इंडिया ने जुटाए 21.5 करोड़ डॉलर

नई दिल्ली। एअर इंडिया ने पुनर्वित्त के लिए बैंक ऑफ इंडिया और स्टैंडर्ड चार्टर्ड पीएलसी से 21.5 करोड़ डॉलर जुटाए हैं। गुजरात इंटरनेशनल फाइनेंस-टैक (गिफ्ट सिटी) के जरिये जुटाए गए छह वर्षीय ऋण की कोमत सुरक्षित ओवरनाइट वित्तपोषण दर से 1.68 फीसदी ज्यादा है। राशि का इस्तेमाल छह बोइंग 777-300ईअर विमान खरीदने के लिए इस्तेमाल किए गए ऋण चुकाने पर होगा। ब्यूरो



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BUSINESS LINE

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Air India Express targets 65 destinations by 2025

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

Tata Group-promoted Air India Express (AIX) is targeting operations to 65 destinations by the end of 2025, industry sources told *businessline*.

The airline has already added six destinations in the past month alone — Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Dehradun, Jodhpur, Udaipur, and (announced) Navi Mumbai. Currently, Air India Express operates flights to 60 destinations, comprising 43 domestic and 17 international airports. “The continued rollout of new routes is expected to bolster AIX’s position in both domestic and international markets,”

sources said. “Express is actively working to capitalise on underserved routes and second-tier cities within India.” Some routes have also been withdrawn, industry insiders noted.

According to sources, the low-cost carrier is also eyeing expansion across key international corridors such as the Gulf and Southeast Asia.

NEW ROUTES

Beyond passenger demand, the decision to launch new routes is being driven by fleet availability and airport slot opportunities.

Industry insiders cited the rapid induction of new aircraft as a major driver of the network’s expansion.

“With plans to induct more than 50 narrow-body

jets in the coming quarters, the airline is expected to increase frequencies on high-demand routes while also adding new city pairs.”

At present, Air India Express operates over 500 daily flights with a fleet of 115 aircraft — comprising 75 Boeing 737s and 40 Airbus A320s. It has been positioned as the group’s flagship low-cost carrier, with clear growth targets and operational independence.

Besides, the airline is set to commence a major cabin retrofit programme to standardise seating across its Boeing 737-8 fleet.

Furthermore, the initiative will see all aircraft fitted with a single type of economy class seat. The move is expected to “improve opera-

tional efficiency, reduce costs, and minimise delays.”

According to sources, the airline currently operates more than 40 aircraft with varying business class configurations.

BUSINESS MODEL

Consequently, the mismatch in seating complicated the airline’s quick-turnaround business model.

These aircraft were originally built for other airlines — including some Chinese carriers — but were never delivered due to various circumstances. However, they were later remarketed and acquired by Air India Express. “This creates a problem for the quick-turnaround business model,” sources said.



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Air India raises \$215 m from StanChart, BoI

New Delhi: Air India raised about \$215 million from Bank of India and Standard Chartered for refinancing. The six-year loan, raised through Gujarat International Finance-Tec City, or GIFT City, is priced at about 168 basis points over the secured overnight financing rate, said sources. Proceeds will be used to refinance shorter duration debt Air India used to acquire six Boeing 777-300ER aircraft, the people said. BLOOMBERG

Lufthansa announces 4,000 job cuts by 2030

Berlin: Lufthansa will cut 4,000 administrative jobs by 2030 and set higher profitability targets, the German airline group said on Monday, as it seeks to boost efficiency through digitalisation and automation. REUTERS



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IndiGo prepares for Airbus A321XLR induction

Aneesh Phadnis
Mumbai

IndiGo is training its crew and engineers ahead of the planned induction of Airbus A321XLR aircraft in December. IndiGo will receive one A321XLR in FY 2026 and use it to launch services to Athens in Greece in January.

While there is commonality with other Airbus A320 family aircraft, the XLR, which has the longest range among single aisle planes, has certain different design features. This includes an extra rear central fuel tank with 12.9 tonne capacity, giving the aircraft a range of 4,700 nautical miles. Other changes include reinforced landing gear and high capacity water and waste system.

According to sources, IndiGo's engineers are undergoing training to familiarise themselves with the aircraft. Crew training will also cover cabin product and service.

IndiGo has not announced seat configuration but as per social media posts, the aircraft will have 195 seats (12 business and 183 economy).

Airbus said it is working closely with IndiGo to ensure successful entry into service of the A321XLR aircraft. "The collaborative effort addresses all critical areas, including engineering,

maintenance, flight operations, crew training and deployment of advanced digital solutions," Airbus said in a statement.

IN EXPANSION MODE

"The aircraft will enable IndiGo to further expand its international footprint while bringing in enhanced range, connectivity and efficiency to its network," it added.

IndiGo will have to obtain Directorate General of Civil Aviation approval as the A321XLR is being introduced in India for the first time. The process involves an elaborate documentation process.

Airbus, too, provides airlines with "instructions for continued airworthiness" that includes details on mandatory and recommended overhaul periods, list of tools and maintenance procedures for the new aircraft type. So far Airbus has delivered 13 A321XLR planes to customers globally and has a pending order book of 490 aircraft. Spain's Iberia was the first carrier to induct the variant last November. Other customers include Aer Lingus (Ireland) and Qantas (Australia).

The aircraft is being deployed on routes such as London-Jeddah (Wizz Air) and Madrid to Boston/Washington DC (Iberia).

India chases the perfect mini-break this Dussehra

Leisure hotspots and short-haul SE Asia see surge in demand as hotel tariffs and airfares climb 15–30%

**ROSHNI SHEKHAR
& ANSHARA SRIVASTAVA**
Mumbai/Delhi, 29 September

Hotels and travel operators in India and nearby Southeast Asian destinations are seeing a rise in travel demand for the upcoming Dussehra long weekend, by as much as 25 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y), underscoring the popularity of weekend getaways among Indian travellers and further lifting the industry's optimism about travel demand for the Diwali and New Year festival periods.

Booking demand for this Dussehra has seen a marked rise compared to last year, with overall demand up by 20–25 per cent, according to EaseMyTrip. Hotel bookings have increased by 14–16 per cent for Dussehra's festival period, starting from October 2, with room rates rising by 30 per cent Y-o-Y. EaseMyTrip noted that advance airfares across major Indian cities have risen, with average one-way non-stop fares reaching ₹14,000–15,000.

Families, couples, and friend groups are among the major travel segments this Dussehra weekend, said industry watchers. While travel operators have been running festival sales and discounts, hotels have been curating cultural and culinary experiences for their guests.

Abhishek Daga, cofounder of Thrillophilia, a travel platform, noted that despite the late monsoons — which usually push leisure demand further into October — it is already seeing an 18 per

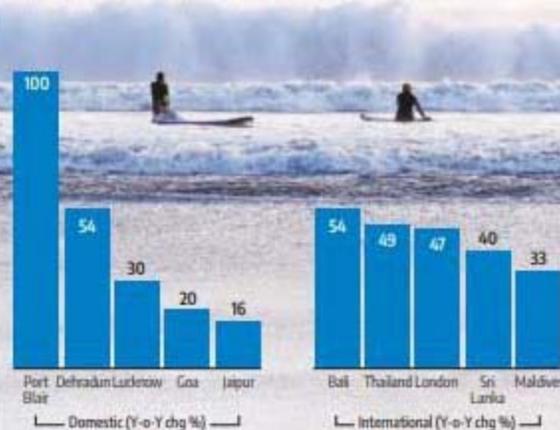
cent rise in bookings against last year.

"Rajasthan is leading as a preferred destination, but Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa, Karnataka, West Bengal, and Kerala are also attracting travellers. Offbeat destinations such as Gandikota, Pachmarhi, Hampi–Anegundi, and Binsar are gaining traction too," said Rikant Pittie, cofounder and chief executive officer (CEO) of EaseMyTrip.

Internationally, short-haul Asia-

Travel diaries

Surge in flight bookings for top destinations (October 1 to 5)



Top domestic routes seeing a jump in airfares



*Advance purchase days: 0-15 days; Source: Ixigo

Pacific destinations have seen demand, with the United Arab Emirates, Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam, Bali, and Hong Kong having high scores in search results, Pittie added.

"We are already seeing a surge in demand across leisure destinations like Pondichery, Mahabalipuram, Udaipur, Jaipur, and Uttarakhand, with Goa standing out as the clear highlight, where hotels are likely to be sold out

over the long weekend," said Nikhil Sharma, managing director and chief operating officer, South Asia, Radisson Hotel Group.

Occupancy levels for Radisson Hotels are climbing sharply for the long weekend, and average room rates are trending nearly 30 per cent higher than regular periods, said Sharma. He added that families and couples continue to lead bookings, while friend groups and

extended families are adding further momentum as the industry heads into Diwali, Christmas, and the New Year.

However, this trend of travelling around Dussehra is a continuation of the trend observed in the past few years, said Ravi Gosain, president of the Indian Association of Tour Operators.

According to Ixigo, flight bookings for the Dussehra week recorded significant double-digit growth across both domestic and international routes.

"Traditionally, travellers would plan around a four-day long weekend, but this year many working professionals are taking additional leave before and after Dussehra to turn it into a five- to seven-day extended break," said Aloke Bajpai, group CEO, Ixigo.

"Additionally, airfares from key metros to popular routes like Lucknow, Goa, Jaipur, Chennai, and Kolkata have also increased by an average of 15–20 per cent Y-o-Y," he added.

Speaking of hotel bookings, Bajpai said, "Our hotel booking trends indicate a growing appetite for premium experiences, with 37 per cent of travellers opting for stays in properties priced above ₹7,000 per night for the Dussehra long weekend."

Meanwhile, Anil Kalsi, board member of the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality, emphasised that for the upcoming long weekend, hotel confirmations are either sold out or steep, with spiritual tourism being at a new high thanks to better access and facilities.

Thrillophilia highlighted that around 11 per cent of its Dussehra travellers had chosen some kind of wellness-led itinerary this year, while ITC Hotels has observed that its guests opted for curated experiences like spa packages, private dining, and wellness retreats rather than just premium rooms.

Similarly, ITC Hotels is witnessing a sharp surge in demand for premium and luxury accommodations over Dussehra, with high occupancy levels in key leisure destinations.

For ITC Hotels, its mountain properties are also brimming with festivities. Amit Kumar, area manager of Welcomhotels, North, at ITC Hotels, said that Welcomhotel-branded properties in Shimla, Chail, Jim Corbett, and Mussoorie, along with Storli Solan, are running at very high occupancy over the weekend.

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एअर इंडिया: पुराना कर्ज चुकाने के लिए नया कर्ज

मुंबई | एअर इंडिया ने 6 बोइंग 777 विमान खरीद के लिए उठाए गए छोटी अवधि का लोन चुकाने के लिए स्टैंडर्ड चार्टर्ड और बैंक ऑफ इंडिया से 1,900 करोड़ रुपए का नया कर्ज लिया है। छह साल का यह लोन गुजरात इंटरनेशनल फाइनेंस टेक सिटी के माध्यम से लिया गया है। जून में हुए विमान हादसे के बाद फंड जुटाने की बातचीत में देरी हुई थी।



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थाईलैंड के फुकेट के लिए उड़ान शुरू करेगी स्पाइसजेट

नई दिल्ली। किफायती विमान सेवा कंपनी स्पाइसजेट दिल्ली और मुंबई से थाईलैंड के सबसे बड़े द्वीप फुकेट के लिए दैनिक नॉन-स्टॉप उड़ान शुरू करेगी। दिल्ली से फुकेट के लिए उड़ान 31 अक्टूबर से और मुंबई से 6 नवंबर से शुरू होगी। थाईलैंड की राजधानी बैंकॉक के लिए वह पहले से सेवा प्रदान कर रही है। स्पाइसजेट के मुख्य व्यवसाय अधिकारी देबोजो महर्षि ने कहा कि हम दुनिया के सबसे लोकप्रिय अवकाश स्थलों में से एक, फुकेट को अपने बढ़ते अंतरराष्ट्रीय नेटवर्क में शामिल करके उत्साहित हैं। दिल्ली और मुंबई से नॉन-स्टॉप उड़ानों के साथ स्पाइसजेट भारतीय यात्रियों के लिए थाईलैंड के प्राचीन समुद्र तटों, जीवंत संस्कृति और गर्मजोशी भरे आतिथ्य का आनंद लेना पहले से कहीं अधिक आसान बना रहा है। यह विस्तार किफायती किरायों पर अधिक अंतरराष्ट्रीय विकल्प और निर्बाध कनेक्टिविटी प्रदान करने की हमारी प्रतिबद्धता की भी पुष्टि करता है।



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Air India Raises \$215 M from Bank of India, StanC

Bloomberg

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SAIKAT DAS
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All about wheel-well stowaways on airplanes & the perils of flying 'hidden'

SUKALP SHARMA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

SNEAKING INTO an aircraft wheel well and travelling as a stowaway is an extremely dangerous thing to do, with the odds heavily stacked against survival.

Yet, such incidents keep surfacing. On Sunday, while maintenance was being undertaken on an American Airlines plane that arrived in the US state of North Carolina from Europe, the body of a stowaway was found.

Occasionally, wheel-well stowaways — those who try to travel in the unpressurised and unheated wheel well or landing gear compartment — survive miraculously. One such incident happened earlier this month on a flight from Afghanistan to India, when a 13-year-old boy from Kunduz wanted to travel to Iran.

He managed to sneak into an aircraft's

rear wheel well at the Kabul airport, except that the flight was bound for New Delhi. For over 90 minutes, the boy was in the wheel well as the aircraft cruised at over 30,000 feet.

Miraculously, he landed seemingly unharmed at the Delhi airport and was sent back to Kabul later. Unsurprisingly, given the risks involved, wheel-well stowaways largely come from regions grappling with poverty, conflict, or instability, and are desperate to escape for better opportunities, often unaware of what awaits them.

What the data show

According to US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) data, 132 people tried to travel in the landing gear compartments of commercial aircraft between 1947 and 2021. The mortality rate for wheel-well stowaways is around 77 per cent.

Strict airport security means that such incidents are rare, and in some undocu-

mented cases, the bodies may have even fallen into an ocean or a remote land area during the flight. The only known incident involving Indian wheel-well stowaways was in 1996. Brothers Pradeep and Vijay Saini managed to get into the wheel well of a British Airways Boeing 747 aircraft operating a flight from Delhi to London. While Pradeep survived the long-haul flight, his brother didn't.

Researchers have concluded that to gain access to the aircraft, the typical stowaway would hide near the point where the departing plane waited at the runway for takeoff clearance. While it was stationary, the stowaway would mount a landing gear and climb into a wing recess area adjacent to where the wheel is supposed to retract.

Havoc on human body

Metal covers over the landing gear com-

partment provide a degree of safety (mainly from falling off). However, the biggest imminent threats emerge once the aircraft has taken off, in the form of hypoxia (due to low oxygen) and hypothermia (due to low temperature). Severe levels of either can lead to unconsciousness and even death.

At over 30,000 feet, where commercial aircraft cruise, air pressure is extremely low, and temperatures can drop to minus 65°C. The moderate stage of hypothermia is accompanied by violent shivers as the body's own core temperature drops by 3°C, and conditions such as slurred speech set in. In severe hypothermia, there is shivering in violent waves, as body temperature falls to 27°C or even lower.

According to a 1997 issue of a publication by the US-based Flight Safety Foundation (FSF), the physiological effects experienced by stowaways are minimal at

altitudes of up to 8,000 feet. But breathing rate begins to pick up as the oxygen level in the blood drops to about 92 per cent, from the sea level average of about 97 per cent.

By 18,000 feet, the breathing rate would rise by about 65 per cent to compensate for the lack of oxygen, and several visual and cognitive symptoms would appear, including weakness, light-headedness and tremors, the FSF publication said. At over 30,000 feet, the blood oxygen levels are lower than what is required to support brain consciousness.

Only the fortunate survive

According to a 1996 report by the US FAA's Civil Aeromedical Institute (CAMI), to survive severe hypoxia, physiologic control mechanisms place the body into what is known as the "poikilothermic" state, which is similar to hibernation. The body's oxygen requirement diminishes significantly, and it curls into a fetal position to conserve heat.

The heart rate may fall to just two beats per minute, and the breathing rate may be as low as once in 30 seconds, but even reaching this stage would be considered lucky, given the circumstances.

"As a wheel-well stowaway is carried to lower altitudes, a gradual rewarming occurs, along with reoxygenation. If the individual is so fortunate as to avoid brain damage or death from the hypoxia and hypothermia, cardiac arrest or failure on rewarming, or severe neurovascular DCS (decompression sickness) complications, some progressive recovery of consciousness occurs, perhaps in the period before landing, or at a time after landing. Survival is jeopardized if the recovering stowaway begins moving round and falls out when the landing gear is lowered," the CAMI report noted.

Those who may survive the journey may not be completely unscathed, though, with severe injuries and psychological trauma likely.

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स्पाइसजेट ने नॉन-स्टॉप उड़ानें शुरू की

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्या। स्पाइसजेट ने दिल्ली और मुंबई से थाईलैंड के फुकेत द्विप के लिए दैनिक नॉन-स्टॉप उड़ानें शुरू की। एयरलाइन का बँकॉक के बाद थाईलैंड में यह दूसरा गंतव्य है। दिल्ली से फुकेत के लिए उड़ानें 31 अक्टूबर, 2025 से शुरू होंगी। वहीं मुंबई से सेवाएं 6 नवंबर, 2025 से शुरू होंगी। यह फैसला स्पाइसजेट के बढ़ते अंतरराष्ट्रीय नेटवर्क को मजबूत करता है और भारतीय यात्रियों को थाईलैंड के प्रसिद्ध पर्यटन स्थलों तक अधिक सीधी पहुंच प्रदान करता है। स्पाइसजेट के मुख्य व्यवसाय अधिकारी देवोजी महर्षि ने कहा कि दुनिया के सबसे पसंदीदा अवकाश स्थलों में से एक, फुकेत को बढ़ते अंतरराष्ट्रीय नेटवर्क में शामिल करके उत्साहित हैं। दिल्ली और मुंबई से नॉन-स्टॉप उड़ानों के साथ, स्पाइसजेट भारतीय थाईलैंड के प्राचीन समुद्र तटों, जीवंत संस्कृति भरे आतिथ्य का आनंद लेना पहले से कहीं ज्यादा आसान बना रहा है।



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एसबीआई कार्ड-इंडिगो में करार

नई दिल्ली। इंडिगो ब्लूचिप लॉयल्टी प्रोग्राम के तहत इंडिगो एसबीआई ने कार्ड लांच किया है। एमडी एवं सीईओ, सुश्री सलिला पांडे ने कहा कि इस प्रीमियम को-ब्रांडेड क्रेडिट कार्ड को दो अलग-अलग वेरिएंट में लॉन्च किया गया है, ताकि यात्रा करने वालों को शानदार रिवाइर्स के साथ फ़ायदेमंद अनुभव मिल सके। ग्राहकों को सबसे ज्यादा अहमियत देने वाले संगठन होने के नाते, हम बदलती ज़रूरतों को अच्छी तरह समझते हैं और इसलिए हमने इंडिगो के साथ मिलकर इंडिगो एसबीआई कार्ड लॉन्च किया है, ताकि हम ऐसी ज़रूरतों को पूरा कर सकें। इस कार्ड के ग्राहकों को इंडिगो के इकोसिस्टम में उपलब्ध सभी सेवाओं के साथ-साथ होटल और ट्रेवल बुकिंग सहित दूसरी श्रेणियों में किए गए सभी खर्चों पर रिवाइर्स मिलेंगे।

लुफ्थांसा 4000 नौकरियां कम करेगी

■ वर्ष 2030 तक होंगी ये छंटनियां ■ इस दौरान 230 विमान जोड़ेगी कंपनी

फ्रैंकफर्ट (एपी)।

लुफ्थांसा समूह ने सोमवार को कहा कि वह 2030 तक कृत्रिम मेधा, डिजिटलीकरण और सदस्य एयरलाइनों के बीच काम के एकीकरण की मदद से 4,000 नौकरियां कम करेगा।

कंपनी ने इसके साथ ही हवाई यात्रा की मजबूत मांग की उम्मीद जताई और आने वाले वर्षों में बेहतर मुनाफे का अनुमान लगाया। कंपनी ने कहा कि ज्यादातर नौकरियों की कटौती जर्मनी में होगी और परिचालन भूमिकाओं के बजाय प्रशासनिक भूमिकाओं पर ध्यान केंद्रित किया जाएगा। लुफ्थांसा समूह ने कहा कि वह सदस्य

एयरलाइनों लुफ्थांसा, स्विस्, ऑस्ट्रियन एयरलाइंस, ब्रसेल्स एयरलाइंस और आईटीए एयरवेज के बीच एकीकरण को



मजबूत करने की दिशा में आगे बढ़ रहा है। समूह ने बताया, 'इस बात की समीक्षा की जा रही है कि भविष्य में कौन सी गतिविधियां आवश्यक नहीं होंगी।' कंपनी ने कहा कि डिजिटलीकरण और कृत्रिम मेधा

द्वारा लाए गए गहन परिवर्तन व्यावसायिक क्षेत्रों और गतिविधियों में दक्षता बढ़ाएंगे।

एयरलाइन समूह ने म्यूनिख में निवेशकों और विश्लेषकों के लिए एक प्रस्तुति में अपनी रणनीतिक योजनाएं प्रस्तुत कीं। इसमें कहा गया कि विमानों और इंजनों की आपूर्ति श्रृंखलाओं में तनाव के बीच उसे हवाई यात्रा की जोरदार मांग देखने को मिल रही है। लुफ्थांसा समूह ने कहा कि उसे दशक के अंत तक 'लाभ में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि' की उम्मीद है और वह कंपनी के इतिहास में सबसे बड़े वेड़े के आधुनिकीकरण की तैयारी कर रहा है। इसके तहत 2030 तक 100 लंबी दूरी के विमानों सहित 230 से अधिक नए विमान शामिल किए जाएंगे।



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Airfare cut on cards for Haj pilgrims travelling in 2026

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kozhikode: Haj pilgrims from Kerala can look forward to some respite in air fares in 2026, with multiple airlines, including new players, joining the tender process to facilitate their travel.

Three carriers have secured contracts to operate from Kerala's embarkation points Akasa Air from Calicut International Airport, Saudi's low-cost carrier Flynas from Nedumbassery airport and another Saudi budget airline Flyadeal from Kannur International Airport. All three have quoted fares substantially lower than those charged last season.

For instance, the air fare of ₹1,07,288 quoted by Akasa Air

from Karipur is ₹34,000 lower than last season's fare of ₹1,41,474 charged by Air India Express. Also, the ticket rate of Flynas from Kochi stands at ₹87,693, which is ₹10,193 cheaper than last season's fare and that of Flyadeal from Kannur is ₹89,732, which is ₹11,410 lesser than last season's fare. While the Haj flight rate from Karipur airport remains around ₹18,000 higher than Kannur's, the gap is far smaller than last for Haj 2025, when fare difference had climbed to over ₹40,000. With such gap in air fare, large number of passengers from Karipur had shifted to Kannur.

For Haj 2026, 13,155 pilgrims are expected to take part from Kerala. Of these, 7,936 pilgrims are expected to

fly from Kochi, 4,299 from Kannur and only 920 from Karipur. The reduced numbers at Karipur is seen as a lingering effect of past fare hikes, which discouraged applicants. In 2024, over 10,515 pilgrims had departed from Karipur, a figure that fell by half last season. So far only 8,530 persons have been selected for Haj 2026.

Officials attributed the moderation in fares to interventions by state Haj minister V Abdurahiman and state committee who pressed the Union minority affairs ministry to open bidding to more airlines. Akasa Air and Flyadeal are operating Haj flights from Kerala for the first time, while Flynas is making a return after 2009.