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Education Ministry Connection to Reshuffle

The latest reshuffle of IAS officers by the Centre is interestingly linked to the education ministry. Vipin Kumar, until now school education additional secretary, has been appointed as chairman of Airports Authority of India. Anil Singhal, former private secretary to the then education minister Pallam Raju, has replaced Kumar. PS to Raju's predecessor Kapil Sibal, V Umashankar, is back in Delhi as MORTH secretary. Subodh Singh, former NTA DG, who was in the eye of the storm over NEET paper leak controversy and was made to sit out, is now back in action as additional secretary in the steel ministry.



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Vipin Kumar to head AAI

Vipin Kumar, an IAS officer of the 1996 batch of Bihar cadre, took over as Chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI) on Monday. Prior to his appointment as AAI Chairman, Vipin Kumar was serving as Additional Secretary in the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education.



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Vipin Kumar takes over as Airports Authority of India Chairman: Vipin Kumar, an IAS officer of the 1996 batch of Bihar cadre, took over as Chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI) on Monday, an official said. Before he was appointed AAI Chairman, Vipin Kumar was serving as Additional Secretary in the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education. Vipin Kumar, during his tenure at the Ministry of Education, was looking after Samagra Shiksha Scheme, National Education Policy-2020, PM-SHRI Scheme and other important assignments, a statement noted.

थीडा ला रहा दीपावली पर एयरपोर्ट के पास आवासीय भूखंड की योजना

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 29 अक्टूबर (देशबन्धु)। ग्रेटर नोएडा-नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के पास भूखंड लेकर मकान बनाने का सपना देखने वालों के लिए खुशखबरी है। यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण दीपावली के दिन आवासीय भूखंड की योजना ला रहा है।

- सेक्टर-24ए, 9ए और 9बी में 821 भूखंड की योजना, 120 से 250 वर्गमीटर के भूखंड शामिल
- संस्थागत योजना के तहत नर्सरी, क्रेच, स्कूल, कॉलेज, मैनेजमेंट, इंजीनियरिंग, रिसर्च एंड डवलपमेंट के लिए भूखंड की योजना

इस बार प्राधिकरण 120 से लेकर 250 वर्गमीटर क्षेत्रफल के भूखंड की योजना ला रहा है। आवासीय योजना पहली बार 250 वर्गमीटर के भूखंड शामिल किए गए हैं। आवासीय योजना का रेरा से रजिस्ट्रेशन हो गया है। योजना में 30 नवम्बर तक आवेदन किया जा सकता है। इसके साथ यमुना प्राधिकरण बुधवार को नर्सरी, क्रेच, सीनियर सेंकेंडरी स्कूल, मैनेजमेंट,



इंजीनियरिंग डिग्री कॉलेज, स्पोर्ट्स कॉलेज, रिसर्च एंड डवलपमेंट के लिए संस्थागत योजना के तहत भूखंड की योजना ला रहा है। यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे प्राधिकरण क्षेत्र में जेवर के पास नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट करीब बनकर तैयार हो गया है। एयरपोर्ट के साथ फिल्म सिटी, ओलंपिक विलेज, फिनटेक सिटी, मेडिकल पार्क जैसी महत्वपूर्ण परियोजना साकार होने जा रही हैं। ऐसे में यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे क्षेत्र में हर कोई अपना आशियाना होने का सपना देख रहा है। सपना का साकार करने के लिए थीडा दीपावली के अवसर पर 821

यमुना प्राधिकरण सेक्टर-24ए, 9ए और 9बी में आवासीय भूखंड की योजना दीपावली पर ला रहा है। योजना का रेरा रजिस्ट्रेशन हो चुका है। योजना में 30 नवम्बर तक आवेदन किया जा सकता है। संस्थागत योजना के तहत बुधवार को 13 भूखंड की योजना लांच हो रही है : डॉ. अरुणवीर सिंह, मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी, यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण।

आवासीय भूखंड की योजना ला रहा है। योजना 31 अक्टूबर को लांच होगी और 30 नवम्बर तक आवेदन किया जा सकता है। 27 दिसम्बर को भूखंड का ड्रा किया जाएगा। योजना में आवेदन करने वाले असफल आवेदकों को 29 दिसम्बर तक रजिस्ट्रेशन शुल्क वापस कर दिया जाएगा। प्राधिकरण भूखंड की योजना सेक्टर-24ए, 9ए और 9बी में ला रहा है। योजना में 120, 162, 200 और 250 वर्गमीटर के भूखंड शामिल हैं। योजना में आवेदन प्राधिकरण को वेबसाइट पर जाकर ऑनलाइन आवेदन किया

जा सकता है। क्यूआर कोड को स्कैन कर भी आवेदन किया जा सकेगा।

संस्थागत योजना के तहत भूखंड की योजना आज होगी लांच

यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे प्राधिकरण संस्थागत योजना के तहत भूखंड की योजना बुधवार को ला रहा है। योजना में नर्सरी स्कूल के लिए आठ भूखंड, क्रेच के लिए तीन भूखंड शामिल हैं। जिनका क्षेत्रफल एक हजार से लेकर 1500 वर्गमीटर है। योजना प्राधिकरण सेक्टर-17, 22 डी और सेक्टर-18 में ला रहा है। डिग्री कॉलेज, पीजी कॉलेज, मैनेजमेंट, तकनीकी कॉलेज, चोकेशनल, सीनियर सेंकेंडरी, इंटीग्रेटेड हायर कॉलेज, रिसर्च एंड डवलपमेंट के लिए प्राधिकरण पांच भूखंडों की योजना ला रहा है। थीडा पहली बार इंटीग्रेटेड हायर कॉलेज और रिसर्च एंड डवलपमेंट के लिए भूखंड की योजना ला रहा है। इंटीग्रेटेड हायर कॉलेज में आवासीय परिसर अनिवार्य होगा। रिसर्च एंड डवलपमेंट भूखंड में फार्मा, एआई, एयरो स्पेस, बायोटेक्नोलॉजी हेल्थ केयर रिसर्च एंड डवलपमेंट किया जा सकेगा।



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DAINIK NAVJYOTI

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जोधपुर में फिर फ्लाइट को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी

अहमदाबाद एयरपोर्ट पर कराई लैंडिंग

नवज्योति/जोधपुर। जोधपुर में फ्लाइट को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी देने का सिलसिला थम नहीं रहा है। सोमवार को फिर जोधपुर एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी को धमकी मिली। इस बार जोधपुर से दोपहर ढाई बजे लैंड इंडिगो की फ्लाइट 6ई-414 को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली। जिसके चलते फ्लाइट को अमदाबाद में इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग कराई गई। जोधपुर में यह पांचवीं बार है जब फ्लाइट को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली है।

जानकारी के अनुसार सोमवार को जोधपुर से पुणे जाने वाली इंडिगो की फ्लाइट 6ई-414 को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी दी गई है। सूचना आने के तुरंत बाद फ्लाइट को डायवर्ट किया गया और गुजरात के अहमदाबाद एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित लैंड कराया गया। बताया जा रहा है कि फ्लाइट को अहमदाबाद एयरपोर्ट पर लैंड कराने के बाद इसे आइसोलेशन रनवे पर ले जाया गया, जहां फ्लाइट की सघन जांच की गई।



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AHMEDABAD

Airport issues travel advisory

In anticipation of high passenger traffic in the upcoming week due to festivities, the Sardar Patel International Airport management has issued a passenger advisory requesting passengers to plan ahead and allow additional time for a seamless travel experience. In a post on X (formerly Twitter), the SVPI airport said, "During the upcoming Diwali celebrations, high passenger volumes are expected at SVPIA. Passengers travelling through SVPI Airport are requested to allocate additional time for travel-related formalities and mandatory security protocols."



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Airport to operate 3,372 weekly flights in winter

FPJ News Service

MUMBAI

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport will see 3,372 weekly flights – 2,361 weekly domestic and 1,011 international flights – this winter, the private airport operator said on Monday.

The winter schedule started from October 27 and will continue till March 29, 2025.

With increased travel on both domestic and international routes, the airport said it is expected to see around 4% increase vis à vis summer schedule of 2024, and around 2% increase compared to winter schedule of 2023. The winter schedule will increase services to international destinations including Toronto, Bangkok, London and Amman.

Significantly as per the winter schedule for Indian Airlines announced by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation earlier this month, the carrier will operate 25,007 flights every week to and from 124 airports, 5.37% more compared to the winter schedule of 2023.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Air Canada to resume service to Toronto starting October 28, 2024, with four weekly flights

Thai low-cost carrier Nok Air introduced services to Bangkok from October 27, 2024, offering eight weekly flights

Virgin Atlantic introduced a second daily flight to London Heathrow starting October 28

Royal Jordanian will begin a new route to Amman with four weekly flights during Feb-Mar 2025

Thai VietJet to start daily flights to Bangkok around December



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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के पास फिर भूखंड लेने का मौका

ग्रेटर नोएडा। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के पास भूखंड लेने का सपना देख रहे लोगों के लिए अच्छी खबर है। यमुना विकास प्राधिकरण दीवाली पर 31 अक्टूबर को सेक्टर-18 और 24ए में 821 आवासीय भूखंडों की योजना लॉन्च करेगा।

योजना के तहत 30 नवंबर तक आवेदन करने का मौका मिलेगा और 27 दिसंबर को ड्रां होगा। आवासीय भूखंड योजना में इस बार अधिकांश छोटे भूखंडों को शामिल किया गया है। यमुना विकास प्राधिकरण के सीईओ डॉ. अरुणवीर सिंह ने बताया कि ब्रॉशर तैयार हो चुका है। आवासीय भूखंड योजना 31 अक्टूबर को लॉन्च की जाएगी। योजना में 120, 162, 200 और पहली बार 250 वर्ग मीटर के भूखंडों को शामिल किया गया है। सेक्टर-24ए में 344 भूखंड हैं और सेक्टर-18 के दो ब्लॉक 9ए और 9बी में 477 भूखंड हैं। एयरपोर्ट और फिल्म सिटी आने से यहां घर बनाने वालों की संख्या में इजाफा हुआ है। प्राधिकरण की पिछले 361 आवासीय भूखंड योजना में दो लाख से अधिक लोगों ने आवेदन किया था।



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AEL PROFIT ZOOMS 663% ON AIRPORT, ENERGY UNITS

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Adani Enterprises Ltd. posted a nearly eight-fold surge in quarterly profit, as a strong show by airports and new energy units offset the drag from coal trading business. Shares rose.

The flagship firm of billionaire Gautam Adani's empire reported 663% jump in net income to ₹1,740 crore (\$207 million) for the quarter ended Sep. 30, compared with the same period last year, according to an exchange filing Tuesday. There weren't enough brokerages with profit estimates to derive an average profit forecast.

Man dies after a slip and fall at city airport

The Hindu Bureau

CHENNAI

A 21-year-old youth died after he slipped and fell from a height of around 20 feet while trying to fix a serial light inside the Chennai airport on Sunday afternoon.

The youth was rushed to a hospital where he died of injuries later in the night.

According to the airport police, the deceased was identified as K. Selvamani, of Marakkanam. He was employed by a private contract company to put up serial lights at the Chennai airport.

Around 2 p.m. on Sunday, as Selvamani was working outside the international terminal, he accidentally slipped and fell. He suffered severe injuries. Other workers rushed him to the Government Chromepet Hospital where he was given first aid.

He was later referred to Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital (RGGGH) where he was admitted for treatment, but died later.



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Adani cancels demerger of Wilmar joint venture stake

Adani Wilmar will first need to meet its minimum public shareholding requirement

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The board of Adani Enterprises on Tuesday withdrew its earlier decision to spin off the shareholding of the group's fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) unit Adani Wilmar (AWL) and transferring the stake to its shareholders.

Adani Wilmar, which has 87.9% promoter shareholding, first needs to meet its minimum public shareholding (MPS) requirement, the company said. Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) requires all listed companies to maintain a minimum public shareholding of 25%.

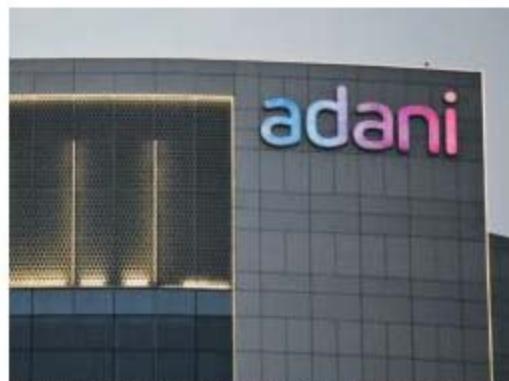
"During the period in which AWL is implementing the MPS strategy in accordance with the relevant Sebi circulars, to offer directional clarity to shareholders, the draft scheme is hereby withdrawn," the company informed the bourses in a filing on Tuesday evening.

Adani Enterprises holds a 43.94% stake in Adani Wilmar through Adani Commodities LLP, a holding company. Singapore's Wilmar International owns 43.94% in the company through Lence Pte Ltd.

Adani Enterprises had announced in August that it would demerge its stake in Adani Wilmar, ending its joint venture with Wilmar International. Shareholders would receive 251 shares of Adani Wilmar for every 500 held in Adani Enterprises.

Adani Wilmar sells cooking oil under the Fortune brand, among other products.

Shares of Adani Wilmar gained 3.33% on Tuesday to close at ₹335.3. Adani Enterprises gained 1.46%, end-



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ing the session at ₹2,841.45. Sensex was 0.45% in the green. The announcement was made during trading hours.

Adani Enterprises' board on Tuesday also approved the company to raise ₹2,000 crore through the issue of non-convertible debentures (NCD).

In the July-September quarter,

crure compared with ₹228 crore in the year-ago period. The consolidated top line grew 15% year-on-year to ₹23,196 crore.

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (Ebitda) at ₹4,354 crore for the quarter were 46% higher than the year-ago period.

CHANGE OF PLAN

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ON Tuesday, the shares of Adani Wilmar registered a 3.33% gain to close at ₹335.3

THE shares of Adani Enterprises gained 1.46% on Tuesday, ending the session at ₹2,841.45

Adani Enterprises' profit surged more than six times compared to the same period last year on the back of higher contributions from its upcoming businesses.

The Adani Group flagship firm reported a consolidated profit of ₹1,747

For the first half of FY25, the company reported a record profit of ₹8,654 crore. Ebitda from the company's emerging businesses grew 85% year-on-year in the first half and accounted for 60% of its consolidated Ebitda.

"Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL) con-

tinues to focus on investing in logistics, energy transition and adjacent sectors that are core to the economic growth of the country. This record-breaking half-year performance has been led by Adani New Industries Ltd (ANIL) and Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL) with their rapid growth in capacity additions and asset utilisation," said Gautam Adani, chairman of the Adani Group.

The incubator firm for Adani Group's new businesses houses four upcoming businesses, including ANIL, with its green hydrogen ecosystem, data centres, airports and roads.

"Our focus on execution of green-field projects in ANIL across three giga scale integrated manufacturing plants and the accelerated development of Navi Mumbai International Airport are driving these robust results," Adani said. "Further, AEL is poised to repeat this turbo growth across data centres, roads, metals & materials and specialized manufacturing. AEL continues to invest in innovative technology across its platforms to support this high growth phase."

While the new businesses made an outsized contribution to the consolidated Ebitda, the contribution to profit was relatively lower at ₹621 crore of profit before taxes from new businesses versus ₹909 crore from established businesses. The latter include mining services, mining, coal trading and trading in other metals and industrials. The airports business, in fact, continued to be in the red, and reported a pre-tax loss of ₹18 crore. Adani operates airports in Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Mangaluru, Jaipur, Guwahati, and Thiruvananthapuram.

ANIL reported a 74% year-on-year growth in profits before tax at ₹96 crore.

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के लिए 486 करोड़ जारी

● विस्थापित लोगों के पुनर्वास के लिए होंगे खर्च

पायनियर समाचार सेवा। नोएडा

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर 17 अप्रैल 2025 को पहली कॉमर्शियल फ्लाइट उड़ान भरेगी। एयरपोर्ट के स्टेज-2 के फेज-1 के निर्माण में अर्जित भूमि से प्रभावित ग्रामीणों के पुनर्वास के लिए नोएडा प्राधिकरण ने 486 करोड़ 30 लाख 96 हजार रुपए रिलीज कर दिया है।

दरअसल नोएडा प्राधिकरण नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट कंपनी की जॉयंट वेंचर कंपनी है। साथ ही इस कंपनी में सबसे बड़ा 37.5 प्रतिशत की शेयर होल्डिंग भी रखती है। ऐसे में निर्माण से लेकर विस्थापित लोगों के पुनर्वास की जिम्मेदारी भी प्राधिकरण की है। जिसके लिए शेयर होल्डिंग के अनुसार डिमांड पर प्राधिकरण पैसा रिलीज करता है। स्टेज-2 के फेज-1 अधिग्रहण से सैकड़ों की संख्या में किसान और ग्रामीण प्रभावित होंगे। उनके पुनर्वास के लिए 1296 करोड़ रुपए खर्च किए जाने हैं। इसमें प्राधिकरण ने अपनी हिस्सेदारी के तहत 486 करोड़ 30 लाख 96 हजार रुपए रिलीज कर दिया है।

वहीं एग्रीमेंट से लेकर 30 जून तक 2024 तक प्राधिकरण 3644 करोड़ 90 लाख रुपए से ज्यादा की



रकम रिलीज कर चुका है। बता दें नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर 25 नवंबर के ट्रायल रन शुरू होगा। इसके बाद एअरोड्रोम से अनुमति ली जाएगी। वहां से अनुमति मिलते ही 17 अप्रैल को पहले कॉमर्शियल फ्लाइट उड़ान भरेगी। नोएडा में देश का सबसे बड़ा एयरपोर्ट 80 प्रतिशत बनकर तैयार हो चुका है। 17 अप्रैल 2025 को यहां से पहली कॉमर्शियल फ्लाइट उड़ान भरेगी।

2 टर्मिनल वाला यह एयरपोर्ट 6 हजार हेक्टेयर एरिया में तैयार किया जा रहा है। एयरपोर्ट पर 186 हवाई जहाज की पार्किंग होगी। 4 फेज में 2 रन-वे तैयार होंगे। यह देश का पहला एयरपोर्ट होगा, जहां मल्टी-मॉडल कार्गो हब होगा। इससे इंडस्ट्री के सामान लाना और ले जाना आसान होगा।

यह एयरपोर्ट 29 हजार 650 करोड़ की लागत से 6 हजार हेक्टेयर में तैयार किया जा रहा है। पहले फेज में 10 हजार 56 करोड़ की लागत से 1334 हेक्टेयर में कंस्ट्रक्शन हुआ है। इसे बनाने में 3 हजार मजदूर लगाए गए। अर्थारिटी के मुताबिक, करीब 8 हजार करोड़ रुपए खर्च हो चुके हैं। एयरपोर्ट 4 फेज में बनकर तैयार होगा।

एयरपोर्ट पर ट्रायल की तैयारी शुरू, डीएम की अध्यक्षता में हुई बैठक

नोएडा। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर प्रस्तावित ट्रायल से पहले की तैयारी शुरू हो गई है। एयरपोर्ट साइट पर जिलाधिकारी मनीष कुमार वर्मा की अध्यक्षता में हुई बैठक में एयरक्राफ्ट के टेकऑफ व लैंडिंग के रास्ते की बाधाओं की समीक्षा की गई। इसमें विकासकर्ता कंपनी कंपनी के अलावा नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड के अधिकारी भी शामिल हुए। एयरफील्ड एन्वायरमेंट मैनेजमेंट कमेटी की बैठक में जेवर एयरपोर्ट पर उतरने व उड़ान भरने वाले विमानों के रास्ते में आने वाली बाधाओं को समय से चिह्नित कर उन्हें दूर करने के निर्देश दिए गए। विमानों के मार्ग में उन स्थानों को भी चिह्नित करने के निर्देश दिए गए, जहां पक्षियों के होने की अधिक आशंका रहती है। इसकी वजह से हादसे की संभावना हो सकता है। एयरपोर्ट के अधिकारियों के अनुसार एयरपोर्ट पर 15 नवंबर से 15 दिसंबर तक बिना यात्री के ट्रायल होगा। 30 नवंबर को वरु मंत्र के साथ विमान को एयरपोर्ट के रनवे पर उतारा जाएगा। इसके

'Small changes' follow civil aviation minister's December deadline

Airport clean-up begins at last

SANJAY MANDAL

Calcutta: Sprucing up stinking and stained washrooms, adding lights worth ₹3 crore for better illumination and polishing marble floors to clean the dirt accumulated over the years — the Calcutta airport authorities are finally bringing small changes to make its terminal building look and feel better than what it does now.

The civil aviation ministry has asked the Calcutta airport to spruce up its stinking, stained and perpetually wet washrooms, which are the most talked about among passengers since the new terminal became operational in 2011.

Given a December 31 deadline, the airport authorities are replacing stained toilet seats, broken bathroom fittings and bringing other changes to 40-odd washrooms.

Along with these, the floors of the arrival and departure areas, which look dull and dirty, are being polished and cleaned. The small changes, made in a hurry, show the task is not always very difficult but takes effort.

"It is very difficult to completely overhaul an operational terminal building. So, we are making small changes to give the terminal a cleaner and brighter look," said an airport official. "The civil aviation ministry has also asked us to improve the conditions of washrooms by December 31."

Ministry sources said such advice has been given to other



A marble panel on a wall outside a washroom at the Calcutta airport on Monday



A renovated flight information display board



An artificial green wall in a washroom at the airport covers up a dirty and stained wall

airports across the country, too. The Calcutta airport authorities have taken up a ₹6.5-crore project for the renovation of 23 blocks of washrooms in the arrival and departure levels. Each block usually has three washrooms, one each for men, women and differently-abled passengers.

Officials said the renovation of three blocks is complete now, while another three would be ready soon. "However, keeping washrooms closed is difficult and so, the renovation work will not be complete before December 2025," said an official. So, for the remaining 17 blocks, the small touch-ups are being done to meet the December 31 deadline for clean washrooms this year.

The small touch-ups include putting marble panels on walls outside the washrooms that looked dull and barren, using artificial green walls to cover stained and dirty walls and replacing broken fittings and stained toilet covers. The

not close the washrooms for long," he said. However, keeping the

ed the washroom in the departure area, which was the first to undergo renovation in

This work would cost ₹15 lakh, said an official. "It is a small amount that could have been spent earlier if there were plans to improve the conditions of toilets," said an official. "While making these small changes, we need

spruced-up washrooms clean is a big challenge. Reluctant cleaners who are backed by unions is one of the main reasons for the stink the city's airport has got because of the washrooms. On Monday, Metro visit-



A 'May I help you counter' designed for differently-abled that will be installed at the airport

August. The mirrors already have stains and the cleaners present paid no heed to them.

More lights

Apart from the washrooms, the terminal's lights would be improved, said officials. "We are buying ceiling lights worth ₹3 crore to improve the illumination inside the terminal building," said the official.

Many passengers allege that the terminal building had a gloomy look because there are not enough lights.

Polished floors

The marble floors, which look dull because of the colour and more so because of the dirt accumulated over the years, are finally getting polished.

Airport officials said they are using machines to scrub and polish the marble, a practice common at private airports.

Airport sources said since the terminal became operational in 2011, no such polish work had been done.

Other amenities

Some flight information display systems inside the departure area look better. Earlier, there were hanging wires, which were eyesores.

Also, the May I Help You desks to assist passengers would be replaced with new ones.

"There would be six such help desks. The new ones would look better and also have facilities for differently-abled passengers," said an official.



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CHENNAI

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Man falls to death at airport

Chennai: A contract worker died after falling from a height of 40 feet while decorating the elevated corridor leading to the international departure terminal at Chennai airport on Monday. The deceased identified was Selvam, of Marakanam near Puducherry. A case is on.

Airport officials had hired a private contractor to adorn the airport with decorative lights, and the contractor employed several workers for the task. While Selvam was hanging serial lights along the corridor, he slipped and fell, sustaining severe injuries.

He was pronounced dead on arrival by the doctors of Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital. TNN



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Hoax emails that led to scare at airports, railways traced to Maha

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Nagpur: A 35-year-old man from Maoist-hit Gondia district of Maharashtra's east Vidarbha, Jagdish Uikey, who has authored a book on terrorism, has been traced to a series of hoax emails that triggered panic, flight delays and forced heightened security and anti-sabotage surveillance at airports, airline offices, and railway stations.

Top security agency sources told **TOI** that Uikey claims to have decoded a secret terror code (25-MBA-5-MTR) that predicts 30 blasts in five days on trains and railway premises. He had periodically shot off emails to the Prime Minister's Office, Union railway minister, Maharashtra chief minister and his deputy, airline offices, director general of police, railway protection force and other govt agencies.

On Monday, Nagpur police deployed additional security outside the Trikoni Park residence of deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis here, following Uikey's threat to sit on a dharna unless he was given a hearing

Man from J&K held for threat to flight, flyers at Mumbai boarding gate

Mumbai: A travel agent from Jammu & Kashmir was arrested on Sunday for issuing a threat to Akasa's Mumbai-Jammu flight at a boarding gate of the city airport just before its scheduled departure, reports **V Narayan**. Mohammed Yusuf Malik, 52, approached CISF sub-inspector Manishankar Rai, 35, deputed at the gate and whispered a chilling threat: "The flight will not take off and no one onboard will be alive." In his police complaint, Rai said: "I was at boarding gate no. 27 when a man came up from behind and whispered something in my ears. I ignored him and walked away. However, he followed me and again whispered something. This made me ask him to speak clearly."

on the secret terror code.

According to Uikey, the code 25-MBA-5-MTR meant there would be a series of blasts at markets, bus stands, airports, airlines, temples, trains, railway stations. The

After hotels, Tirupati Iskcon temple gets hoax bomb threat

Vijayawada: After a string of bomb threats to hotels in Tirupati over the weekend, the Iskcon temple faced a similar scare on Sunday night, before the authorities sanitised the premises and declared it a hoax, reports **Madhu Rasala**.

The temple authorities received an email threatening that "Pakistan's ISI-related terrorists would blow up the temple". Police rushed to the temple along with bomb disposal and sniffer dog squads, and conducted a thorough search. However, no explosives or suspicious items were found, leading authorities to conclude it was another elaborate hoax. Tirupati SP L Subba Rayudu told **TOI** police are tracking all threat emails to nab the miscreants.

blasts would be triggered by Jaish-e-Mohammed and Sikhs for Justice (SFJ).

Uikey, who was once nabbed in 2021, is on the run since the hoax emails were traced to him.



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MUMBAI

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City airport's winter schedule: 964 flights/day

Mumbai: The Mumbai airport is set to handle 964 flights daily during its winter schedule, which begins on Oct 27, and ends on March 29 next year, said Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL) on Monday.

Airlines operate two schedules a year, the other being the summer schedule. As is typical of winter schedule, some airlines will increase services to international destinations. The winter schedule 2024 marks a 4% increase in airline flights compared to summer schedule 2024. When compared to the winter schedule 2023, it is a 2% increase in flights.

The Mumbai airport will handle 2,361 weekly domestic flights and 1,011 weekly international flights. The flights offer non-stop connectivity from Mumbai to 115 destinations. TNN



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AMAR UJALA

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विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी देने वाले आरोपी की हुई पहचान

महाराष्ट्र का जगदीश आतंकवाद पर लिख चुका है किताब, एक बार जेल भी गया

नागपुर। पिछले कुछ दिनों में विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी देने वाले की पहचान हो गई है। नागपुर पुलिस ने आरोपी की पहचान महाराष्ट्र के गोंदिया के जगदीश उइके (35) के तौर पर की है। फिलहाल वह फरार है और पुलिस उसकी तलाश कर रही है। पुलिस के मुताबिक, जगदीश ने

आतंकवाद पर किताब लिखी है। 2021 में वह एक मामले में जेल भी जा चुका है।

नागपुर पुलिस ने बताया कि पुलिस उपायुक्त श्वेता खंडकर की टीम ने एयरलाइंस को धमकी भरे ई-मेल की जांच की, तो सभी मेल के तार जगदीश से जुड़े मिले। उसने

प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय, रेल मंत्री, महाराष्ट्र के सीएम, उपमुख्यमंत्री, एयरलाइंस के दफ्तरो, राज्य के डीजीपी को ई-मेल भेजे थे। आरोपी ने उपमुख्यमंत्री देवेन्द्र फडणवीस को ई-मेल भेजकर धमकी दी थी, उसके पास गुप्त आतंकी कोड है। इसके बाद वह जांच के घेरे में आ गया। एजेंसी

100 उड़ानों में बम की धमकी, एफआईआर दर्ज

नई दिल्ली। देश में विभिन्न एयरलाइंस की 100 से अधिक उड़ानों को मंगलवार को भी बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली। इनमें एअर इंडिया की 36 उड़ानों, इंडिगो की 35 और विस्तारा की 32 उड़ानें शामिल हैं। इन्हें मिलाकर बीते 16 दिनों में 510 घरेलू व अंतरराष्ट्रीय

उड़ानों को धमकियां मिल चुकी हैं। इस बीच, सोशल मीडिया पर तीन एयरलाइंस को धमकी के बाद मुंबई पुलिस ने अज्ञात व्यक्ति पर केस दर्ज किया है। मुंबई पुलिस अक्टूबर में फर्जी बम की धमकी मामले में 14 एफआईआर दर्ज कर चुकी है। ब्यूरो

IndiGo shares nosedive 8% after weak Q2 show

Near-term outlook remains challenging as supply outpaces demand

AARITA KAVALE
Mumbai, 28 October

Shares of InterGlobe Aviation, the parent company of India's largest airline IndiGo, dropped 8 per cent on Monday after high costs in a tepid aviation season led to a weak September quarter (Q2FY25) performance.

The shares ended the session at ₹4,015.50 apiece on the BSE. During the day, they slumped 13.42 per cent to ₹3,778.50. The company's market capitalisation eroded by ₹3,481.88 crore to ₹1,55,107.61 crore.

Higher costs from grounded aircraft, along with a decrease in revenue per available seat kilometre (RASK) and an increase in non-fuel cost per seat kilometre (CASK) led to the airline's performance falling short of analyst expectations.

In addition to the weak Q2, brokerages such as Nuvama Research had downgraded the stock over a valuation premium to global low-cost carriers, slowing domestic demand, and overcapacity concerns.

Analysts led by Jal Irani of the brokerage expect the near-term outlook to remain challenging as capacity growth outpaces demand growth affecting passenger revenues per available seat kilometre. The airline posted a consolidated net loss of ₹96.7 crore in Q2FY25 against a net profit of ₹188.9 crore in Q2FY24. A Bloomberg survey of brokerages had estimated an average profit of ₹34 crore for the September quarter.

"The negative surprise was due to rising cost pressure of aircraft on ground (AOG)-related costs. This was partially offset by compensation from OEMs (original equipment manufacturers), mitigation expenses for AOG and cost inflation," Flara Capital said in a research note following the airline's Q2FY25 results.

"Basically, the expenses have gone up including airport charges. In fact, the fuel (costs) did not pinch, but other costs rose. This is where most of the expectations have gone wrong," said G. Chokkalingam,



BROKERAGES' TAKE

Price in ₹ (As on Oct 28)	Recommendation	Target price	Bidside %	Target price
				Since Q2 results
Morgan Stanley	Overweight/Attractive	5,306	32.1	Reduce
JP Morgan	Overweight	4,800	19.5	Reduce
Kotak Securities (Institutional Equities)	Buy	5,200	29.5	Reduce
Investec	Sell	4,050	0.9	Same
Jefferies	Buy	5,500	27.0	Reduce

Compiled by BS Research Bureau, Source: Bloomberg

SHARE PRICE MOVEMENT (in ₹)



Compiled by BS Research Bureau, Source: Bloomberg

founder and head of research, Equinomics Research.

Analyst expectations for a positive quarter were based on higher domestic passenger traffic and a significant international share when it comes to available seat kilometres (ASKs). An ASK measures an airline's carrying capacity to generate revenue based on available seats on an aircraft times the number of kilometres it flies on a defined flight. IndiGo remains focused on its international expansion, with plans to add three destinations by the financial year's

end, bringing its total to 40.

"The share of international capacity (in terms of available seat kilometres) would then reach 30 per cent," the company's CEO Piter Filbers said in a call with investors.

While the September quarter is generally weak for the airlines, the airline's long-term view of the Indian aviation market remains strong, Filbers added. Other roadblocks include infra challenges, which led to congestion in key locations like Delhi and Mumbai, and posed a significant hurdle for the airline in Q2FY25.



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स्पाइसजेट ने चुकाया टीडीएस का बकाया

विमानन कंपनी स्पाइसजेट ने मंगलवार को कहा कि उसने चालू वित्त वर्ष की सितंबर तिमाही तक 310 करोड़ रुपये का लंबित टीडीएस (स्रोत पर कर कटौती) बकाया चुका दिया है। आर्थिक समस्याओं का सामना कर रही विमान कंपनी ने पिछले महीने 3,000 करोड़ रुपये जुटाए थे। स्पाइसजेट ने बयान में कहा कि कंपनी ने 26 सितंबर, 2024 से बकाया वेतन, जीएसटी देनदारियों और भविष्य निधि (पीएफ) अंशदान समेत लंबित बकाया के मद में 600 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक का भुगतान किया है। इसके अलावा कंपनी ने पट्टे पर विमान देने वाली कई कंपनियों के साथ समझौता भी किया है।



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SpiceJet pays ₹310 crore to clear TDS dues

SpiceJet on Tuesday said it had cleared pending TDS dues worth ₹310 crore till the September quarter of the current financial year. The carrier, which had been facing turbulent times, last month raised ₹3,000 crore. "Beginning September 26, SpiceJet has cleared over ₹600 crore in pending dues, including outstanding salaries, GST liabilities, and provident fund (PF) contributions. Additionally, the company has also successfully reached settlements with multiple aircraft lessors," the airline said in a release.

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DAINIK JAGRAN

DELHI

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आतंकवाद पर किताब लिखने वाला दे रहा था विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी

महाराष्ट्र के गोंदिया का निवासी है आरोपित **जगदीश उइके**, फिलहाल फरार है

नागपुर, प्रेट: एयरलाइनों के विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की झूठी धमकी देने वाले की पहचान नागपुर पुलिस ने राज्य के गोंदिया निवासी 35 वर्षीय जगदीश उइके के रूप में की है। आरोपित आतंकवाद पर एक किताब भी लिख चुका है। फिलहाल धमकी भरे ईमेल का उइके से संबंध होने का पता चलने के बाद से वह फरार है। बता दें कि पिछले 16 दिनों में भारतीय विमान कंपनियों की 510 से अधिक राष्ट्रीय-अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को ऐसी धमकियां मिल चुकी हैं। अधिकांश धमकियां इंटरनेट मीडिया



के जरिये मिली हैं। इस प्रकार की धमकियों के चलते दहशत फैली, उड़ानों में देरी हुई और हवाई अड्डों तथा अन्य प्रतिष्ठानों पर सुरक्षा बढ़ानी पड़ी।

नागपुर के एक वरिष्ठ पुलिस अधिकारी ने बताया कि उइके को एक मामले में 2021 में गिरफ्तार किया गया था। पुलिस उपायुक्त

श्वेता खेडकर के नेतृत्व में की गई जांच में उइके के ईमेल से जुड़ी विस्तृत जानकारी सामने आई। अधिकारी ने बताया कि उइके ने प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय, रेल मंत्री, महाराष्ट्र के मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे और उपमुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस, एयरलाइन कंपनियों के कार्यालयों, पुलिस महानिदेशक और रेलवे सुरक्षा बल सहित विभिन्न सरकारी संस्थाओं को धमकी भरे ईमेल भेजे। 100 और विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी : नई दिल्ली : विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी देने

का सिलसिला लगातार जारी है। मंगलवार को फिर 100 विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली। सूत्रों ने बताया कि एअर इंडिया की करीब 36, इंडिगो की 35 और विस्तारा की 32 फ्लाइटों को धमकी मिली। जांच एजेंसियों और एयरपोर्ट टीमों की छानबीन के बाद ये धमकियां फर्जी पाई गईं। हालांकि जांच के चलते ये फ्लाइटें देरी से अपने गंतव्य की ओर रवाना हुईं। उधर, मुंबई पुलिस ने तीन एयरलाइनों को बम की धमकी मिलने के संबंध में अज्ञात व्यक्ति के खिलाफ मामला दर्ज किया है।



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62 और विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी

जेएनएन, नई दिल्ली : विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी देने का सिलसिला थम नहीं रहा। सोमवार को भी 60 से ज्यादा विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली। पिछले 15 दिनों में भारतीय विमान कंपनियों की 410 से अधिक राष्ट्रीय-अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को ऐसी धमकियां मिल चुकी हैं। सूत्रों ने बताया कि सोमवार को एअर इंडिया व इंडिगो की 21-21 और विस्तारा की 20 फ्लाइटों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली। जांच एजेंसियों और एयरपोर्ट टीमों की छानबीन के बाद ये धमकियां फर्जी पाई गईं। मुंबई पुलिस ने उस व्यक्ति के खिलाफ मामला दर्ज किया है, जिसने दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट कंट्रोल रूम को काल करके यह झूठा दावा किया था कि मुंबई-दिल्ली उड़ान में महिला यात्री गौरी भरवानी के पास बम है। काल करने वाले ने महिला यात्री को मानव बम बताया था। इस बीच, विमानों को लगातार बम की धमकियां मिलने के मामले की जांच में इंटेलिजेंस ब्यूरो (आइबी) की टीम भी जुटी है।



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लखनऊ में एअर इंडिया के विमान की इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग

लखनऊ : दिल्ली से लखनऊ आए एअर इंडिया के विमान की सोमवार को लखनऊ के चौधरी चरण सिंह अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग कराई गई। दो बार लैंडिंग का प्रयास असफल रहने पर वाराणसी के लिए डायवर्जन मांगा गया, लेकिन ईंधन कम होने की वजह से ऐसा करने की अनुमति नहीं मिल सकी। इसके बाद विमान को लखनऊ हवाई अड्डे पर ही उतारा गया। विमान में 202 यात्री सवार थे। राब्यू

CENTRE MULLS VOLUNTARY USE OF BLENDED AVIATION FUEL BY NEXT YEAR, MANDATORY BY 2027

Blended ATF Gets New Category, to be Taxed at 2% for Regional Connectivity

Other blended ATFs to be taxed at 11%; airlines say blending will raise fuel cost, call for incentives from Centre

Anuradha Shukla

New Delhi: The Centre has classified blended aviation turbine fuel as a new category under mineral items in the Central Excise Act, as it weighs the option to make its use voluntary for domestic flights by next year and mandatory by 2027.

This comes even as the aviation industry has expressed apprehensions that blending will raise their fuel cost and that the Centre may have to offer some incentive if it wants the airlines to opt for it on a voluntary basis.

According to a notification issued by the department of revenue, ministry of finance, on Monday, blended aviation turbine fuel drawn by the selected airline operators or cargo operators for regional connectivity scheme flights under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) and Ude Deshka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme will attract 2% excise duty, while all other blended ATFs will be taxed at 11%.

Officials from the finance ministry described the move as the "primary step", saying it will take a call after wider consultations with related ministries, including the mini-

stry of civil aviation (MoCA), Niti Aayog and oil marketing companies (OMCs).

"This is the primary step and the category has been created; however it is premature to comment on any timeline for making it mandatory," a senior official told ET. Testing of blended petrol is already going on.

In January, the Centre had set an indicative target of 1% for blending sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) with conventional jet fuel for all international flights by 2027, marking a major step towards reducing carbon emission in the aviation sector.

This was based on the recommendation of a committee on SAF constituted by the ministry of petroleum and natural gas

The committee is said to have submitted its recommendations to the government last year. SAF, which has a similar chemistry to jet fuel, is considered as a clean substitute for fossil jet fuels.

However, the aviation industry feels that the cost of producing the biofuel is high, which will spike fuel costs of the airlines,

who will eventually pass it on to the fliers, the official cited above said. "The industry has expressed its apprehensions and if introduced at this stage, this will spike the cost of fuel, and so all aspects must be considered before making it mandatory as this is a highly price-sensitive market," an aviation sector executive said on condition of anonymity.





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SpiceJet clears TDS dues worth ₹310 cr

RAGHAV AGGARWAL
New Delhi, October 29

SPICEJET ANNOUNCED ON Tuesday that it has cleared tax deducted at source (TDS) dues totalling ₹310 crore up to the September quarter of the current fiscal year, including employee TDS payments.

"We are committed to settling our house in order and are pleased to have cleared all pending TDS dues," said Ajay Singh, chairman and managing director of SpiceJet.

The airline reported that, since September 26, it has settled ₹600 crore in dues, covering outstanding salaries, GST

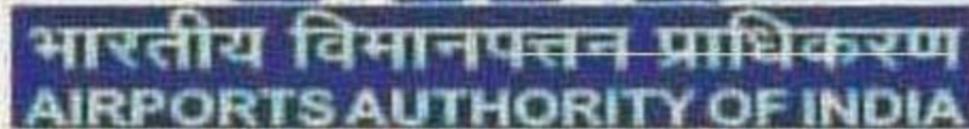
liabilities, and provident fund (PF) contributions.

"Additionally, the company has also successfully reached settlements with multiple aircraft lessors," SpiceJet added.

The airline, which has been navigating financial challenges, raised ₹3,000 crore in fresh funds last month.

Earlier this month, *FE* reported that SpiceJet resolved four disputes with aircraft lessors within a span of one month.

The most recent settlement was with Shannon Engine Support (SES) for \$2 million, down from an initial claim of \$4.5 million, finalised on October 25.



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Lufthansa reports 9% drop in third-quarter profit

GERMAN AIRLINE GROUP Lufthansa reported a fall in third-quarter operating profit on Tuesday as its flagship brand struggles with low yields, competition with international airlines and spiralling costs. Q3 operating profit of \$1.41 bn was largely in line with the expectations of analysts polled by the firm, but 9% lower than a year earlier. —REUTERS



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SpiceJet starts 32 new flights

SpiceJet on Monday said it has launched 32 new flights for the winter schedule that commenced this week. Of these flights, 30 are operating in the domestic sector and two are connecting the national capital with Phuket with direct services daily.



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AI gets DGCA nod to carry out in-house modifications of aircraft interiors

PTI
NEW DELHI

Air India (AI) has received aviation regulator DGCA's approval to carry out modifications in aircraft interiors in-house as the airline works on revamping its fleet and expanding operations.

In a release on Monday, Air India said the Design Organisation Approval (DOA) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will enable the airline to independently make design changes in-house and implement modifications to its aircraft



interiors more efficiently. "DOA is a transformative step towards enhancing

Air India's in-house capabilities, which has been bolstered by decisions to set up its own engineering, maintenance and training facilities. This will enhance operational efficiency and make the airline more self-reliant," it added.

Meanwhile, AI on Monday suspended 10 cabin crew members for allegedly instigating other members to protest against the airline's revised policy that also requires a section of them to share rooms during layovers, a source said.

AICCA terms AI's new room-sharing policy 'illegal'

The All India Cabin Crew Association has termed Air India's room-sharing policy for a section of cabin crew members as "illegal, bad in law, and Void ab initio on multiple fronts." The association is seeking these entitlements - hotel accommodation and conditions of accommodation - in line with the policy on accommodation for pilots, as per the previous agreements and tribunal awards.



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तीन एयरलाइन के 103 विमानों को धमकी मिली

दुस्साहस

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी लगातार दी जा रही है। इसी क्रम में मंगलवार को फिर तीन एयरलाइनों के 103 विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी दी गई। पिछले 16 दिनों में अब तक 510 से अधिक घरेलू और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय विमानों को धमकियां मिल चुकी हैं जो बाद में झूठी निकलीं।

मामले से जुड़े सूत्रों ने बताया कि एयर इंडिया को करीब 36 उड़ानों और इंडिगो को करीब 35 उड़ानों के लिए धमकियां मिलीं। विस्तारा को 32 उड़ानों के लिए धमकियां मिलीं। एयरलाइन के प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि निर्धारित प्रोटोकॉल का पालन करते हुए, अधिकारियों को सतर्क किया गया और नियामक अधिकारियों के मार्गदर्शन के अनुसार सभी प्रक्रियाओं का सख्ती से पालन किया गया।

गोरखपुर की फ्लाइट में बम की सूचना से हड़कंप

गोरखपुर, मुख्य संवाददाता। मुंबई, बंगलुरु और दिल्ली से गोरखपुर आने वाली क्रमशः इंडिगो, अकासा और एलायंस एयर की फ्लाइट में बम होने की सूचना से मंगलवार को एक बार फिर एयरपोर्ट पर

अफरातफरी का आलम रहा। सुरक्षा एजेंसियों ने विमानों को तुरंत अपने नियंत्रण में ले लिया और यात्रियों को उतारकर विमान की जांच की गई। इस दौरान कोई संदिग्ध वस्तु नहीं मिली लेकिन करीब तीन घंटे तक यात्री अंदर फंसे रहे। एक सप्ताह में बम की अफवाह की यह तीसरी घटना है। जांच पूरी होने के बाद फ्लाइट रात आठ बजे के बाद तीनों फ्लाइट वापस रवाना हो गई। प्रभारी प्रचालन विजय कुमार ने बताया कि विमानों में लगातार आ रही बम की सूचना के चलते एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन पूरी तरह से अलर्ट मोड में है।



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स्पाइसजेट ने 310 करोड़ का टीडीएस चुकाया



नई दिल्ली। विमानन कंपनी स्पाइसजेट ने मंगलवार को कहा कि उसने चालू वित्त वर्ष की सितंबर तिमाही तक 310 करोड़ रुपये का लंबित टीडीएस बकाया चुका दिया है। एयरलाइन ने पिछले महीने 3,000 करोड़ रुपये जुटाए थे। कंपनी ने बकाया वेतन, जीएसटी देनदारियों और भविष्य निधि अंशदान समेत लंबित

बकाया के मद में 600 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक का भुगतान किया है।

Maharashtra man behind bomb threats to airlines, say police

Press Trust of India

NAGPUR

The police in Nagpur have identified a 35-year-old man from Gondia in the State as the person behind a spate of hoax bomb threats that triggered panic, caused flight delays and led to increased security at airports and other establishments, an official said.

The Nagpur city police's Special Branch has identified the man as Jagdish Uikey, who has authored a book on terrorism and was arrested in 2021 in a case, he said.

"Uikey is currently on the run after these emails were traced back to him," the senior police official said.

He sent emails to Ministers and government bodies, including the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Railway Minister, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his deputy, airline offices, the Director-General of Police (DGP) and the Railway Protection Force (RPF), the official said.

On Monday, the Nagpur police stepped up security outside Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis's residence in the city after Mr. Uikey sent an email threatening to protest unless gi-



In the past 15 days, over 510 flights have got the threats that later turned out to be hoaxes.

ven a chance to present his information on the secret terror code he claimed to have deciphered.

He also requested a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss his knowledge of terror threats, he added.

Threats continue

More than 100 flights operated by various Indian airlines received bomb threats on Tuesday, according to sources.

In 16 days, over 510 domestic and international flights have got the threats that later turned out to be hoaxes.

The threats were issued mostly through social media.

Air India received threats for around 36 flights and IndiGo for about 35 flights. Vistara received the threats for 32 flights, the sources said.



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SpiceJet pays TDS dues worth ₹310 crore till Sept. quarter

SpiceJet on Tuesday said it has cleared pending TDS dues worth ₹310 crore till the September quarter of the current fiscal. The carrier, which had been facing turbulent times, last month raised ₹3,000 crore. "Beginning September 26, SpiceJet has cleared over ₹600 crore in pending dues, including outstanding salaries, GST liabilities, and Provident Fund contributions. The firm has also successfully reached settlements with multiple aircraft lessors," it said. PTI



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{ OVER 510 FLIGHTS IN 16 DAYS }

More than 100 flights receive bomb threats

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"A number of Air India flights were subject to security threats received on social media on 29 October 2024. Following the laid down protocols, relevant authorities were immediately alerted, and all security procedures strictly adhered to, as per guidance from the regulatory authorities," an airline spokesperson said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the Mumbai

police have registered a case against an unidentified person after three airlines received bomb threats on their X handle, an official said on Tuesday.

IndiGo, Air India and Vistara had received the threats on Monday, and they turned out to be a hoax after verification, the official added.

The city police have registered 14 FIRs in October in connection with the bomb threats to airlines.

Amid a spate of hoax bomb threats to airlines, the IT Ministry has asked social media platforms to observe due diligence obligations and promptly remove or disable access to misinformation within the strict timelines prescribed under IT rules.

Besides, the civil aviation ministry is looking to take legislative actions to tackle the menace of the hoax bomb threats to airlines.

On Sunday, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said the Centre is mulling steps to ban perpetrators, who resort to hoax bomb threats, from flying.



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THE NUMBER of Air India cabin crew members suspended by the airline for allegedly instigating staff to protest against the company's revised policies



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Nagpur cops identify man behind series of bomb threats to airlines; suspect on the run

NAGPUR: Police in Maharashtra's Nagpur have identified a 35-year-old man from Gondia in the state as the person behind a spate of hoax bomb threats that triggered panic, caused flight delays and led to increased security at airports and other establishments, an official said.

The Nagpur city police's special branch has identified the man as Jagdish Uikey, an author of a book on terrorism, who was arrested in 2021 in a case, he said.

"Uikey is currently on the run after these emails were traced back to him," the senior police official said.

The investigation, led by Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Shweta Khedkar uncovered detailed information linking Uikey to the emails.

Uikey sent emails to various government bodies, including the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Railway Minister, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his deputy, airline offices, the Director General of Police (DGP) and the Railway Protection Force (RPF), the official said.

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claimed to have deciphered. He also requested a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss his knowledge of terror threats, he added.

Uikey's email sent on October 21 to Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, and also forwarded to the DGP and RPF, led to security measures at railway stations, the official said. "A special team has been formed to arrest Uikey," he said, adding that he will be apprehended him soon.

In 13 days till October 26, more than 300 flights operated by the Indian carriers received hoax bomb threats. Most of the threats were issued through social media, the government agencies earlier said.

On October 22 alone, around 50 flights, including 13 each of IndiGo and Air India received bomb threats, sources earlier said.

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INFRA, PLANNING NEEDED FOR INDIAN AVIATION TO SOAR

IndiGo Airlines' big net loss of ₹987 crore in the July-September quarter has taken India Inc by surprise. The largest airline, which has been profitable in the last several quarters, was expected to turn in a modest profit in view of its near-monopoly, stable aviation fuel prices and rising passenger numbers. In their conversations with investment analysts, IndiGo officials highlighted local factors like the grounding of around 70 aircraft of a fleet of 350 due to issues with Pratt and Whitney engines. This in turn has forced India Inc to lease a large number of planes at a high cost. However, the plummeting bottomline draws attention to the several challenges the aviation sector faces in the country.

Considering the rise in income levels and soaring air traffic, aviation should not be a troubled industry. Operating airports have doubled over the last decade to 157 in 2023. Domestic passenger traffic increased 13 percent in 2023 to 30.6 crore, while international traffic rose 22 percent to 1.8 crore. At the heart of the expansion is the regional connectivity scheme driven by refurbishing and expanding existing airstrips—known by the acronym UDAN for Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik. Despite these positive factors, several national airlines—Deccan, Kingfisher, Jet and Go—have suspended operations in recent years; SpiceJet is sputtering.

The fact is that the building of infrastructure has not kept pace the rising numbers of passengers and airplanes, creating a backend crisis. There is a lesson in the woes expressed by IndiGo CEO Pieter Ebers; he pointed to the congestion at key airports like Delhi and Mumbai delaying take-offs and stymieing plans to increase flights. Mumbai has a single operational runway that is way past saturation, while Delhi's Terminal 1 was shut for long after it collapsed following a downpour. In contrast, when Kuala Lumpur International Airport was launched in 1993, it planned to cater for 100 million passengers a year—a capacity it will reach only by 2030. The aviation industry is just about increasing aircraft numbers to match increasing flyers. Among other things, it is about creating airport infrastructure; it is about training a sufficient number of pilots; and it is about keeping taxes like the one on aviation fuel affordable, so that airlines do not fold up.

Sixteen days, 510 hoax calls, three arrests



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More than 100 flights operated by various Indian airlines received bomb threats on Tuesday. In 16 days, over 510 domestic and international flights have received threats that later turned out to be hoaxes. The threats were issued mostly through social media. Meanwhile, the Nagpur police arrested a 35-year-old man from Maharashtra's Gondia, who was allegedly behind the spate of hoax bomb threats that triggered panic, caused flight delays, and led to increased security at airports and other establishments.

Air India received threats for around 36 flights and IndiGo for about 35 flights. Vistara received the threats for 32 flights. "A number of Air India flights were subject to security threats received on social media on 29 October 2024. Following the laid down protocols, relevant authorities were immediately alerted, and all security procedures strictly adhered to, as per guidance from the regulatory authorities," an airline spokesperson said in a statement. As many as 14 FIRs in October in connection with the bomb threats to airlines.

In a related development, designated terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun

has also issued a threat specifically named several Air India flights in his recent video message, focusing on routes between New Delhi and Toronto (AI 187, AI 189), Vancouver (AI 185), London (AI 111, AI 161), Frankfurt (AI 121), Sydney (AI 302), and Melbourne (AI 308). Additional threats target Mumbai-London routes (AI 129, AI 131).

Meanwhile, the Nagpur police Special Branch has identified him as Jagdish Uikey, an author of a book on terrorism, who had been arrested in 2021 in a separate case. Uikey was identified after the hoax emails were traced back to him. So far three persons have been arrested in the hoax bomb threats probe. One was arrested from Indira Gandhi International Airport, and the second arrest was made from Chhattisgarh.

The investigation, led by Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Shweta Khedkar uncovered detailed information linking Uikey to the emails. According to Nagpur police, Uikey sent emails to various government bodies, including the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Railway Minister, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his deputy, airline offices, the Director General of Police (DGP) and the Railway Protection Force (RPF).

On Monday, the Nagpur police stepped up security outside Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis's residence in the city after Uikey sent an email threatening to protest unless given a chance to present his information on the secret terror code he claimed to have deciphered. He also requested a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss his knowledge of terror threats, he added. Uikey's email sent on October 21 to Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, and also forwarded to the DGP and RPF, led to security measures at railway stations, the official said.

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Meanwhile, in the wake of a significant rise in airline threat calls recently, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has intensified its security efforts across the nation. To address these growing threats, the NIA's cyber wing has launched a comprehensive analysis of these foreign threat calls. This investigation is focused on discerning the motives behind these calls and assessing their authenticity.

Against the backdrop of a spate of hoax bomb threats to airlines, the IT Ministry has asked social media platforms to observe due diligence obligations and promptly remove or disable access to misinformation within the strict timelines prescribed under IT rules. Also, the civil aviation ministry is looking to take legislative actions to tackle the menace of the hoax bomb threats to airlines. On Sunday, Civil Aviation Minister K Ramamoan Naidu said the Centre is mulling steps to ban perpetrators, who resort to hoax bomb threats, from flying.

Air India gets DGCA nod for in-house modifications of aircraft interiors

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) approved a proposal from Air India to carry out modifications in aircraft interiors in-house as the Tata Group-owned airline works on revamping its fleet and expanding operations. The full-service carrier has a collaboration with Tata Technologies to enhance aircraft interiors in its fleet. In a release on Monday, Air India said the Design Organisation Approval (DOA) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will enable the airline to independently make design changes in-house and implement modifications to its aircraft interiors more efficiently.

"DOA is a transformative step towards enhancing Air India's in-house capabilities, which has been bolstered by decisions to set up its own engineering, maintenance and training facilities. This will enhance operational efficiency and make the airline more self-reliant," it added.

An official said the approval will also allow Air India to offer the services to other



Indian airlines in the future. Air India is the first Indian airline to attain this level of authorisation, accelerating its ability to execute restoration tasks for continuous improvement of its fleet, the release said.

Air India Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Campbell Wilson said the approval reaffirms its capabilities to maintain the fleet and commitment to enhancing the customer experience of its aircraft interiors.

"By leveraging our global aerospace expertise, we are committed to delivering next-generation aircraft interiors that not only meet the highest standards of functionality and safety but also enhance customer satisfaction," Tata Technologies Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Warren Harris said.

The approval also comes at a time when Air India is retrofitting its legacy planes

and has also placed significant orders for new aircraft.

According to the release on Monday, the partnership with Tata Technologies will help Air India streamline its operations by integrating innovative digital thread solutions and smart maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services.

"This will improve operational efficiency, reduce downtime, and ensure that Air India's fleet remains fit to fly, further enhancing passenger safety, comfort and operational reliability," the release said.

Tata Air India Group has three airlines -- Air India, Air India Express and Vistara, which is a joint venture between Tatas and Singapore Airlines. Air India and Air India Express together have more than 230 planes. Vistara, which has a fleet of 70 planes, is set to be merged with Air India on November 11.



Hoax bomb threat calls led to ₹1400 Crore loss

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

As the number of hoax bomb threat messages to domestic and international flights crossed over 400, leading to financial loss up to Rs 1200 to 1400 crore to Indian carriers so far. As many as 410 domestic and international flights operated by the Indian carriers have received hoax bomb threats in the last 15 days. More than 60 flights of Indian carriers received bomb threats on Monday. Once a flight is canceled or delayed due to a bomb hoax, a ripple effect of delays and cancellations of other flights occurs adding to financial losses for not the airline but the flying public. The event is not just a safety concern but also means a costly affair for

an airline.

"The overall financial damage of the hoax, including costs for unscheduled landing, passenger accommodations, aircraft grounding, and crew replacements, is projected from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 4 crore per incident," said an airline executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The overall costs escalate when additional expenses such as unexpected landing charges, hotel accommodations for over 200 passengers and crew, compensation for missed connections, grounding the aircraft for thorough checks, and arranging a fresh crew are factored in. Meanwhile, the airline also faced financial losses from the disruption of its return flight schedule.

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Reports suggest that the daily rental cost of a Boeing 777 ranges between \$17,000 and \$20,000, and a diversion of cancellation means huge financial losses for the airlines. Sources said around 21 flights each of Air India and IndiGo, and about 20 flights of Vistara received the threats on Monday. An Air India spokesperson said a number of

its flights were subject to security threats received on social media on Monday.

"Following the laid down protocols, relevant authorities were immediately alerted, and all security procedures strictly adhered to, as per guidance from the regulatory authorities," the spokesperson said in a statement. Currently, actions against hoax bomb threats are handled by the police under existing criminal

laws. However, the government is exploring stricter measures to deter such incidents and prevent the mounting financial and operational strain on the aviation industry.

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सौ से अधिक उड़ानों को मिली बम की धमकियां

नई दिल्ली/मुंबई (भाषा)। विभिन्न भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों द्वारा संचालित 100 से अधिक उड़ानों को मंगलवार को बम की धमकियां मिलीं। सूत्रों ने यह जानकारी दी। पिछले 16 दिनों में 510 से अधिक घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को ऐसी धमकियां मिली हैं, जो बाद में अफवाह साबित हुईं।

इनमें ज्यादातर धमकियां सोशल मीडिया के जरिए दी गईं। सूत्रों का कहना है कि एयर इंडिया की करीब 36 उड़ानों, इंडिगो की करीब 35

उड़ानों और विस्तारा की 32 उड़ानों को धमकियां मिलीं। एक विमानन कंपनी के प्रवक्ता ने एक बयान में कहा, '29 अक्टूबर, 2024 को सोशल मीडिया के जरिये एयर इंडिया की कई उड़ानों को धमकियां मिलीं।' उन्होंने कहा, 'निर्धारित प्रोटोकॉल का पालन करते हुए, संबंधित प्राधिकारियों को तुरंत सतर्क कर दिया गया और नियामक प्राधिकारियों के मार्गदर्शन के अनुसार सभी सुरक्षा प्रक्रियाओं का सख्ती से पालन किया गया है।'

इस बीच, मुंबई पुलिस ने तीन विमानन कंपनियों को उनके 'एक्स' हैंडल पर बम की धमकी मिलने के बाद एक अज्ञात व्यक्ति के खिलाफ मामला दर्ज किया है। एक अधिकारी ने मंगलवार को यह जानकारी दी। उन्होंने कहा कि सोमवार को इंडिगो, एयर इंडिया और विस्तारा को धमकियां मिली थीं और वे

जांच के बाद अफवाह साबित हुईं। नगर पुलिस ने विमानन कंपनियों को बम की धमकियां मिलने के सिलसिले में

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अक्टूबर में 14 प्राथमिकियां दर्ज की।

विमानन कंपनियों को मिल रही फर्जी बम धमकियों को बाढ़ के बीच सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी (आईटी) मंत्रालय ने सोशल मीडिया मंचों से कहा है कि वे उचित सावधानी बरतें और आईटी नियमों के तहत निर्धारित समयसीमा के भीतर गलत सूचनाओं को तुरंत हटा दें या उन तक पहुंच पर रोक लगा दें। इसके अलावा, नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय विमानन कंपनियों को बम की झूठी धमकियों से निपटने के लिए विधायी कार्रवाई करने पर विचार कर रहा है।



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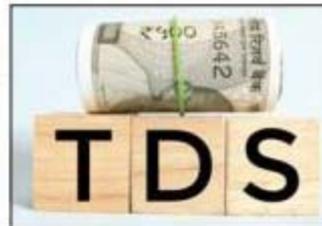
स्पाइसजेट ने 310 करोड़ का बकाया TDS चुकाया

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

विमानन कंपनी स्पाइसजेट ने मंगलवार को कहा कि उसने चालू वित्त वर्ष की सितम्बर तिमाही तक 310 करोड़ रुपये का लंबित टीडीएस (स्रोत पर कर कटौती) बकाया चुका दिया है।

आर.ए.आ.क. समस्याओं का सामना कर रही एयरलाइन ने पिछले महीने 3,000

करोड़ रुपये जुटाए थे। स्पाइसजेट ने बयान में कहा, 'कंपनी ने 26 सितंबर, 2024 से शुरू होकर बकाया वेतन, जीएसटी देनदारियों और



भविष्य निधि (पीएफ) अंशदान समेत लंबित बकाया के मद में 600 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक का भुगतान किया है।

इसके अलावा कंपनी ने पट्टे पर विमान देने वाली कई कंपनियों के साथ समझौता भी किया है।'



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जजीरा की तिरुवनंतपुरम से कुवैत की दो उड़ानें शुरू

तिरुवनंतपुरम (वार्ता)।

जजीरा एयरवेज ने केरल में तिरुवनंतपुरम-कुवैत के बीच दो साप्ताहिक उड़ानें शुरू की हैं। यह नई सेवा यात्रियों को कुवैत व तिरुवनंतपुरम के बीच अधिक सुविधाजनक और सस्ती यात्रा की सुविधा प्रदान करेगी।

एयरवेज की वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध जानकारी के अनुसार तिरुवनंतपुरम से कुवैत की यात्रा के लिए एक तरफ़ के टिकट की कीमत 13,975 रुपये से शुरू

होती है। यात्रा अवधि लगभग 5 घंटे 15 मिनट है।

कुवैत-तिरुवनंतपुरम उड़ान संख्या (जे9411) सोमवार और बुधवार को 18:55 बजे प्रस्थान करेगी और मंगलवार और गुरुवार को 02:25 बजे पहुंचेगी।

एक मीडिया विज्ञप्ति के अनुसार, वापसी उड़ान (जे9412) तिरुवनंतपुरम से 03:25 बजे शुरू होगी और मंगलवार और गुरुवार को 06:10 बजे कुवैत पहुंचेगी। इसमें 174 इकोनॉमी सीटें होंगी। यह सेवा इंटरनेशनल टर्मिनल (टी2) से होगी।

आर्थिक आतंकवाद है फ्लाइट में बम की धमकी

हाल के दिनों में भारतीय उड़ानों में बम होने की झूठी कॉल खूब मिल रही हैं, जिससे एयरलाइंस को भारी आर्थिक नुकसान उठाना पड़ रहा है। विमान कंपनियों और



- डॉ. ओ.पी. त्रिपाठी

सुरक्षा व्यवस्था से जुड़े अधिकारियों का कहना है कि धमकियों के बीच इन मामलों में एक नया चलन भी सामने आया है। पहले एक ही हैडल से कई उड़ानों से जुड़ी धमकियां दी जाती थीं, लेकिन अब अलग-अलग हैडल से अलग-अलग एयरलाइंस की उड़ानों के बारे में धमकियां दी जा रही हैं। यह सवाल हर भारतीय को परेशान कर रहा है कि भारतीय एयरलाइंस के जहाजों को लेकर दी जा रही धमकियों की यह बाढ़ सी क्यों आ रही है? आखिर फ्लाइट्स को डिजिटली धमकी देने वालों तक हमारा खुफियातंत्र क्यों नहीं पहुंच पा रहा है? बार-बार मिलने वाली फर्जी धमकियों से जहां इन विमानन कंपनियों को आर्थिक नुकसान हो रहा है, वहीं

यात्रियों को उड़ान में देरी व सुरक्षा जांच के चलते भारी परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। विमानन कंपनियों के आर्थिक नुकसान व यात्रियों पर मानसिक दबाव के मद्देनजर जो तत्परता सरकार की तरफ से दिखाई जानी चाहिए थी, वो नजर नहीं आ रही है। इस घटनाक्रम से आम यात्रियों में हवाई यात्रा को लेकर असुरक्षा बोध पैदा हो रहा है। हालांकि, अधिकांश धमकियां फर्जी ही निकली हैं, लेकिन इन अपराधियों तक पहुंचना जरूरी है। चिंता यह भी कि यदि भविष्य में किसी आतंकी साजिश के प्रति कोई वास्तविक सचेतक सूचना भी आएगी तो संभव है, उसे गंभीरता से न लिया जाए। अतः हर स्तर पर सावधानी बरती जानी जरूरी है। वहीं ऐसी हकत करने वाले असामाजिक तत्वों के खिलाफ सख्त कार्रवाई करने की जरूरत है। इस तरह लगातार मिल रही धमकियों की वजह से निरंतर फ्लाइट्स देर से उड़ान भर रही हैं, यात्री और उनके परिजन परेशान हो रहे हैं। विमानन कंपनियों को अपनी फ्लाइट कैबिनल करनी पड़ रही है। टाइम्स ऑफ इंडिया की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, बम की एक झूठी धमकी से एयरलाइन यानी विमानन कंपनी को 3 करोड़ रुपये से ज्यादा का नुकसान हो सकता है। दरअसल, किसी विमान में बम होने की सूचना मिलने पर फ्लाइट को अपने निर्धारित एयरपोर्ट के बजाय नजदीकी हवाई अड्डे पर उतारा जाता है। इससे तेल की खपत तो ज्यादा होती ही है, विमान की जांच करने, यात्रियों को

होटलों में ठहराने और उन्हें उनके डिस्टिनेशन तक पहुंचाने के लिए विमान की व्यवस्था भी करनी पड़ती है। इन सब पर करीब तीन करोड़ रुपये तक खर्च होजाते हैं। अगर इंटरनेशनल फ्लाइट है तो रूट पर किसी अन्य देश से समन्वय बनाने और लैंडिंग में होने वाली देरी और भारी पड़ती है। इसे यूं समझें कि 14 अक्टूबर को एयर इंडिया की बोइंग 777 उड़ान मुंबई से न्यूयॉर्क के लिए रवाना हुई थी। उड़ान



के कुछ समय बाद ही एयरलाइन को बम की धमकी मिली, जिसके चलते विमान को दिल्ली में इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग करनी पड़ी। उड़ान के दौरान विमान का वजन लगभग 340-350 टन था, लेकिन लैंडिंग के लिए इसे 250 टन तक कम करना जरूरी था। इसके लिए विमान से 100 टन तेल को उड़ान भरने के सिर्फ 2 घंटे बाद ही बाहर फेंकना पड़ा। इस तेल की कीमत ही लगभग 1 करोड़ रुपये थी। तेल की बर्बादी के साथ ही, दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग के चार्ज, यात्रियों और क्रू के ठहरने का खर्च, छूटी

हुई कनेक्टिंग फ्लाइट्स का मुआवजा, विमान की जांच और नए फ्लाइट क्रू की व्यवस्था जैसी अतिरिक्त लागत भी जुड़ गई। इस पूरी प्रक्रिया से एक उड़ान को 3 करोड़ रुपये से भी अधिक का नुकसान हुआ। एक अन्य घटना में, एयर इंडिया की एक फ्लाइट को बम की धमकी के कारण कनाडा के दूरस्थ इलाके इकालुइट में लैंड करना पड़ा। इस कारण विमान को तीन दिनों से अधिक समय तक ग्राउंडेड

स्रोत देखा जाता है, चाहे वह एक्स (पूर्व ट्विटर), वॉट्सएप, कॉल या ईमेल के माध्यम से आया हो। इसके मूल्यांकन मैट्रिक्स के आधार पर, कोड तय किया जाता है। इसमें लाल (बहुत गंभीर), एम्बर (गंभीर) या हरा (फर्जी कॉल की सबसे अधिक संभावना)। ऊपरी तौर पर ऐसे घटनाक्रम का आर्थिक नुकसान विमानन कंपनियों को हो रहा है, लेकिन बाद में उसका असर आखिर यात्रियों की जेब पर ही पड़ना स्वाभाविक है। कुल मिलाकर नुकसान देश का ही है। बम धमकियों के कारण उड़ानें बाधित हो रही हैं और वित्तीय घाटा बढ़ रहा है, ऐसे में भारतीय विमानन क्षेत्र को और अधिक चुनौतियों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है, जब तक कि सख्त निवारक कार्रवाई नहीं की जाती। वर्तमान में, फर्जी बम धमकियों के खिलाफ कार्रवाई मौजूदा अपराधिक कानूनों के तहत पुलिस द्वारा की जाती है। हालांकि, सरकार ऐसी घटनाओं को रोकने और विमानन उद्योग पर बढ़ते वित्तीय और परिचालन तनाव को रोकने के लिए सख्त उपायों पर विचार कर रही है। सरकार की तरफ से इस दिशा में सख्त नियम बनाने का काम चल रहा है। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने कहा है कि सरकार इस मुद्दे को और अधिक प्रभावी ढंग से संबोधित करने के लिए नागरिक उड्डयन नियमों में संशोधन पर काम कर रही है।

रखा गया, जिससे एयरलाइन को 15-20 करोड़ रुपये तक का नुकसान हुआ। कई यात्री विमान में देरी होने पर अपनी कनेक्टिंग फ्लाइट मिस कर जाते हैं तो वे एयरलाइन को अदालत में घसीटने की धमकी देते हैं। ऐसे में हर्जाना देकर समझौता करना होता है। अक्सर दो तरह की धमकियां दी जाती हैं। एक धमकी ऐसी होती है जिसमें किसी विशेष फ्लाइट संख्या कानाम दिया गया हो। दूसरा सामान्य तरीके से जैसे कहा जाए कि एयर इंडिया की पांच उड़ानों में बम है। एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि जोखिम आकलन किया जाता है। खतरे का

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वडोदरा। प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी और स्पेन के प्रधानमंत्री पेद्रो सांचेज ने मिलकर सोमवार को गुजरात में एयरबस विमान निर्माण सुविधा का उद्घाटन किया। दोनों नेताओं ने भारत-स्पेन सहयोग की सराहना की। इस दौरान प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी और पेद्रो सांचेज ने गुजरात के वडोदरा में टाटा एडवांस्ड सिस्टम्स लिमिटेड (टीएएसएल) की सुविधा का उद्घाटन

■ गुजरात में हुआ एयरबस सुविधा का उद्घाटन

किया। इस उद्घाटन समारोह के बाद उन्होंने कहा कि भारत जल्द ही दुनिया को विमान निर्यात करेगा। पेद्रो सांचेज ने भी इसे दोहराते हुए कहा कि भारत स्पेन पर भरोसा कर सकता है। वडोदरा स्थित इस सुविधा में टीएएसएल और एयरबस संयुक्त रूप से भारतीय वायु सेना के लिए सी-295 सैन्य परिवहन विमान का निर्माण करेंगे। टीएएसएल 40 फ्लाई-अवे सी-295 विमानों का निर्माण करेगा और इसके बाद भारतीय वायु सेना द्वारा खरीदे जाने वाले कुल 56 विमानों के लिए रखरखाव, मरम्मत और परिचालन सहायता और सेवा प्रदान करेगा। इस अवसर पर बोलते हुए मोदी ने कहा कि टाटा-एयरबस सहयोग से भारत न केवल भारत के लिए बल्कि पूरे विश्व के लिए विनिर्माण को बढ़ावा मिलेगा।



मोदी ने कहा, यह पेद्रो सांचेज का पहला भारत दौरा है। आज से हम भारत-स्पेन साझेदारी को नई दिशा दे रहे हैं, हम सी295 विमान के निर्माण के लिए कारखाने का उद्घाटन कर रहे हैं। इससे न केवल भारत और स्पेन के रिश्ते मजबूत होंगे, बल्कि मेक इन इंडिया, मेक फॉर द वर्ल्ड के मिशन को भी बल मिलेगा। मैं टाटा और एयरबस

की टीमों को बधाई देता हूँ।

मोदी ने आगे कहा कि टीएएसएल सुविधा अंततः नागरिक विमानों के निर्माण के लिए भी परिचालन का विस्तार करेगी, जिनका निर्यात किया जाएगा। मोदी ने कहा, आप सभी ने पिछले दशक में भारत के विमान क्षेत्र में अभूतपूर्व वृद्धि और परिवर्तन देखा है। हम पहले से ही भारत को विमान हब बनाने के लिए काम कर रहे हैं। यह परिस्थितिकी तंत्र भविष्य में मेड इन इंडिया नागरिक विमानों का मार्ग प्रशस्त करेगा। विभिन्न भारतीय एयरलाइनों ने 1200 नए विमानों के लिए ऑर्डर दिए हैं... यह कारखाना भारत और दुनिया की भविष्य की जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए नागरिक विमानों के डिजाइन और निर्माण में प्रमुख भूमिका निभाने जा रहा है।

हथियार निर्यातकों में भी भारत का अहम स्थान

नई दिल्ली। कभी दुनिया के बड़े देशों से हथियारों का आयात करने वाले भारत ने अब रुख मोड़ दिया है। भारत अब हथियारों का आयात तो कम कर ही रहा है बल्कि निर्यात में भी बड़े पैमाने पर इजाफा किया है। भारत ने 2023-24 में कई देशों को कुल 21 हजार करोड़ रुपये के हथियार बेचे हैं। इनमें अमेरिका, फ्रांस और आर्मेनिया जैसे देश शामिल हैं। अहम बात यह है कि भारत दशकों से अमेरिका और फ्रांस से बड़े पैमाने पर हथियार खरीदता रहा है। ऐसे में इन देशों को हथियार बेचना एक नई उपलब्धि हिसिल करने जैसा है। इनमें भी भारत से हथियारों का सबसे बड़ा आयातक अर्मेनिया है। पिछले दिनों अजरबैजान के साथ खूनी संघर्ष में उलझे आर्मेनिया ने बड़े पैमाने पर भारत से हथियारों की खरीद की है। आर्मेनिया ने भारत से आकाश एयर डिफेंस मिसाइल सिस्टम, पिनाका मल्टी-लॉन्च रॉकेट सिस्टम और 155एमएम आर्टिलरी गन्स की खरीद की है। भारत की सरकारी और निजी हथियार कंपनियां दुनिया भर के करीब 100 देशों को निर्यात कर रही हैं।



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IndiGo forecasts weak Q3

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Mumbai: Shares of Inter-Globe Aviation, the IndiGo parent, tanked 8 per cent to ₹4,015 on Monday after the carrier said it expects per-passenger revenue to drop following its first quarterly loss in two years

The low-cost carrier had posted a loss of ₹986.7 crore in the second quarter ended September 30 — an unexpected development that the airline's CEO Pieter Elbers blamed on the grounding of planes and rising fuel costs.

During intra-day trades, the share crashed 13.42 per cent when it plummeted to a low of ₹3,778.50. On the NSE, the share tanked 8.04 percent to settle at ₹4,015.

The selling pressure on the stock came on comments made by its senior management in the earnings call and brokerages cutting their target price.

"Basis the trends of October, we are estimating early-to



mid-single-digit moderation in passenger unit revenues for the third quarter as compared to the same period last year," IndiGo's chief financial officer Gaurav Negi said on an earnings call Friday.

Brokerage Investec said it expects a trend of declining earnings at the airline to "persist" as fares inch lower, while costs remain high. The sentiment was also shared by analysts at Elara Capital. Both brokerages rate the stock "sell".

IndiGo's shares are down 25 per cent from the record

high they hit in mid-September, with analysts pointing to falling fares and slowing growth.

Kotak Institutional Equities which maintained a buy rating on the share, reduced the target price to ₹5,200 from ₹5,400 earlier.

Goldman Sachs also reduced the target price to ₹4,800 from ₹5,300 earlier.

Analysts at Nuvama which downgraded the stock to hold cited its valuation premium vis-à-vis global peers apart from slowing domestic demand and apprehensions over overcapacity.

SpiceJet flights

Low-cost carrier SpiceJet has announced the launch of 32 flights effective from October 27.

Out of the newly announced flights, 30 will cater to domestic routes, while the rest two will link Delhi to Thailand and Phuket.

SpiceJet has announced the induction of 10 planes to its fleet by November.

Writing samples of all 147 flyers taken

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Surat: Dumas police registered an offence against an unknown person for writing a bomb threat on a piece of tissue paper while the Indigo 6E-104 Goa-Vadodara flight was midair after departing from Manohar International Airport at 4.30pm on Sunday.

Surat police took handwriting samples of all 147 passengers and crew members following the aircraft's emergency landing at Surat airport at about 5.30pm, after a crew member found a tissue paper with a bomb threat at near the aircraft lavatory.

The aircraft was taken to an isolation bay in keeping with security protocol and was thoroughly checked after passenger evacuation. An emergency meeting of the



The flyers got to leave after eight hours of checking

bomb threat assessment committee was convened at 5.47pm, with senior officials attending online, as the flight was bound for Vadodara, where PM Narendra Modi was to arrive on Monday. After the assessment, the threat was declared a 'specific threat' and more protocols were followed while checking.

Deputy commissioner of police (Zone 6) Rajesh Parmar told TOI: "With the suspicion that someone on the flight wrote

the bomb threat, we have taken handwriting samples of all the 147 passengers, crew members and the pilot. In the samples, we asked them to write the exact same text that was on the tissue paper. The samples will be sent to the forensic science lab in Gandhinagar. If needed, we will also take natural samples, in which samples of their old writings will be taken by police. As someone could deliberately provide bad samples, we take samples of their handwriting from the past during an investigation."

Dumas police registered an FIR under Section 3(1) of The Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against Safety of Civil Aviation Act and Section 351 (4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for an anonymous criminal threat. The complaint was registered by Indigo Airlines security in-charge Bhavin Joshi.

The flight took off from Manohar International Airport at 4.30pm. When it was midair, crew member Shreya Datta went to the lavatory at the back of the plane. She found a tissue paper with '104 30 min IED' written on it. As the flight number was 104 and 'IED' denotes 'improvised explosive device', she immediately alerted the pilot who contacted Mumbai ATC. After the ATC instructed to make an emergency landing at Surat, security agencies were alerted.

After the flight was grounded at 5.30pm on Sunday, as a 'specific threat' was declared, no passenger was permitted to leave the airport till the checks were completed. Before allowing them to board again from Surat, their names were verified, and security searches were also done again. The flight took off after about eight hours.



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6 flights receive bomb threats

The Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) airport witnessed heightened security protocols on Monday, following 'non-specific' bomb threats targeting multiple flights, which ultimately turned out to be a hoax. The affected Indigo flights, included 6E 414 from Jodhpur to Pune, which was forced to make an emergency landing at Ahmedabad airport. Additional flights affected included UK597 (Ahmedabad-Goa), 6E383 (Ahmedabad-Hyderabad), 6E261 (Ahmedabad-Rajpur), 6E381 (Goa-Ahmedabad), and 6E279 (Lucknow-Ahmedabad).



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Drone firms from city gets 2 DGCA approvals

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Chennai: City-based drone company Garuda Aerospace has bagged two approvals from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to manufacture small drones apart from training the trainers of drone pilots.

In a release, the company said the first approval is a delta-type certification for manufacturing. This certification allows the company to design, manufacture and maintain small drones according to the stringent DGCA standards. The delta-type certification is a crucial requirement for drone man-

ufacturers in India and ensures that products are of the highest level of safety.

The second approval is a train-the-trainer approval for its Remote Pilot Training

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Organisation (RPTO). This allows Garuda Aerospace to train and certify trainers, who will then educate and certify drone pilots. The company has six DGCA approvals.

"These new DGCA approvals open up new avenues for growth and expansion, allowing us to serve a wider

range of customers and contribute more significantly to the Indian drone industry. The DGCA approvals are crucial for driving innovation and empowering industries across the world and will enable us to capitalise on this growth potential and position Garuda Aerospace as a key player in the industry. By investing in research and development, training skilled personnel, and building strategic partnerships, we aim to contribute to the development of a vibrant and sustainable drone ecosystem in India," said Agnishwar Jayaprakash, founder and CEO, Garuda Aerospace.



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Flight with 202 flyers fails to land on 2 attempts in Lucknow

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Lucknow: Many passengers aboard a Delhi-Lucknow flight on Monday had their hearts in their boots when the plane couldn't make a landing in its first two attempts. Eventually, it landed safely on the third try.

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According to official sources, the flight from Delhi to Lucknow with 202 passengers, including four infants,

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onboard made a landing on its third approach at Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport in the city on Monday afternoon.

Sunil Mishra, 62, a resident of Lucknow returning home from the national capital with his wife Renu and daughter Malvi, said: "In the first approach, the aircraft touched down the runway, but it took off instantly. Since we were sitting on 21 A, B, C seats, located just behind the wings,

we felt the full power of the engines revving up again. The flight reached a substantial height after this."

"On the second approach, the flight was very close to the runway surface, but again aborted landing. Finally, on the third approach, the aircraft made a smooth landing. The anxiety level among passengers was such that a woman sitting on the 21 E seat vomited and I and another passenger gave her our air sick-

ness pouches, while I began reciting 'Hanuman Chalisa' after second failed attempt," Mishra, a frequent flyer for the last 32 years, said.

Official sources corroborated Mishra's version. "First and second approach was from the west side (runway 09 side), but the third approach was from the east (runway 27 side) where Instrument Landing System (ILS) is available to guide aircraft digitally, and the aircraft landed safely," the sources said.

It's important to note that landing of an aircraft is decided by the Air Traffic Control, which takes into account various factors including wind direction. An aircraft

makes an ideal landing against strong wind flow.

"Since the wind from the east was strong, the flight was asked to land from the west side. But it was very 'unusual' to see the pilot fail to land on two approaches. Therefore, the pilots were asked to take the east side approach. DGCA has been informed about the landing in three approaches," the sources said.

Considering the sensitivity of the landing call, fire tenders were asked to remain on standby.

Attempts were made to contact the airline, as to why the aircraft failed to land on the second approach. However, no response was received.