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IAF land deal near Mizoram airport triggers concern

Residents fear that military activities would hit civilian character of airport

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AIZAWL, Aug 29: A citizens' body under the banner of the Lengpui Airport Forum (LAP) has voiced concern over the sale of land adjacent to Mizoram's lone airport to the Indian Air Force (IAF), warning that such a move could obstruct future expansion and modernisation of the State-owned facility.

Addressing reporters here today, LAP leaders criticised the State Government for, what they described as, indifference towards the long-

standing demand to hand over the Lengpui airport to the Airports Authority of India (AAI). They alleged that despite the Union Government showing strong interest in an AAI takeover, the State administration has failed to act on the matter.

According to documents obtained under the Right to Information Act, 2005, land measuring 50,09,400 square feet belonging to eight individuals was acquired by the Government and subsequently sold to the IAF at a cost of Rs 198.78 crore. The

rate applied was Rs 185 per square foot under provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, LAP convenor Lalthuamlhiana said.

Retired IAF officer Wing Commander Joe Lalthuamlhiana argued that the land is likely intended for construction of blast pens to shelter military aircraft during conflict. "Such structures inside a civilian airport compromise the safety of passenger operations, as they pose risks during both

takeoff and landing," he said. Handing over the airport to the IAF would prioritise military needs over civilian aviation safety, effectively blocking future upgrades to the facility, he added.

The issue has already triggered strong opposition from political parties, major civil society groups, and student organisations, who have rallied against the proposal to hand over the State's only airport to the Defence establishment. Delegations had earlier raised the matter with Union Home Minister Amit

Shah, who reportedly assured Chief Minister Lalthuama that discussions involving the State Government and the Civil Aviation Ministry would be held within six months. However, no such deliberations have taken place so far, the LAP leaders pointed out.

The forum has urged the Government to protect the civilian character of the Lengpui airport, cautioning that the State's connectivity and economic growth could be jeopardised if the facility is militarised.



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एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी मैनेजर 232 करोड़ रु. के घोटाले में गिरफ्तार

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सीबीआई ने शनिवार को एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया (एएआई) के एक वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक को कंपनी के 232 करोड़ रुपए से अधिक के फंड को ट्रेडिंग के लिए निजी खाते में ट्रांसफर करने के आरोप में गिरफ्तार किया है। वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक (वित्त और लेखा) राहुल विजय ने देहरादून हवाई अड्डे पर पोस्टिंग के दौरान तीन साल में अकाउंट्स में काल्पनिक आंकड़े दर्ज कर फर्जीवाड़े को अंजाम दिया। सीबीआई के मुताबिक, विजय ने आधिकारिक और इलेक्ट्रॉनिक रिकॉर्ड में हेरफेर कर एएआई के फंड की धोखाधड़ी और गबन की सुव्यवस्थित साजिश रची। जांच में सामने आया है कि 2019-20 से 2022-23 के दौरान राहुल ने नकली और काल्पनिक संपत्तियां खड़ी कीं और कुछ संपत्तियों के मूल्यों को बढ़ाकर हेरफेर किया।



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AAI staffer siphons off ₹232 cr, booked

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Vijay was heading the finance and accounts branch at AAI's Dehradun airport from 2019 to 2023.



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नई दिल्ली, प्रेस : भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआइ) के एक वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक को सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कंपनी के 232 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की राशि गबन करने के आरोप में गिरफ्तार किया गया है। सीबीआइ अधिकारियों ने शनिवार को यह जानकारी दी। एएआइ के वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक (वित्त एवं लेखा) राहुल विजय ने देहरादून हवाई अड्डे पर अपनी तैनाती के दौरान तीन वर्षों में फर्जी लेखा प्रविष्टियों के माध्यम से राशि के स्थानांतरण की साजिश रची।

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CBI arrests senior AAI official accused of ₹232 crore fraud

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested a senior manager of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for alleged embezzlement of ₹232 crore. The agency registered the case based on a complaint received from the AAI against the official named Rahul Vijay. It is alleged that while posted at the Dehradun airport, he engaged in a systematic scheme of fraud and embezzlement of AAI funds by manipulation of official and electronic records. On August 28, the CBI conducted searches on the official and residential premises of the accused in Jaipur. He was then placed under arrest.

{ AT DEHRADUN AIRPORT }

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In one such instance, in September 2021, he transferred ₹189 crore into his personal account by recording ₹67.81 crore as expenditure for electrical works at the new terminal building and fabricated 17 additional assets valued at ₹189 crore, it added.

CBI said the accused engaged in "a systematic scheme of fraud", creating duplicate records, manipulating data, and diverting public funds into his personal accounts. A preliminary analysis of bank transactions revealed that the siphoned money was later moved into trading accounts.

On August 28, searches at Vijay's residence and office in Jaipur led to the recovery of incriminating documents.

Of the ₹232 crore allegedly embezzled, about ₹43 crore was disbursed under different revenue expenditure heads during Vijay's tenure at Dehradun, said a CBI official privy to the case.

Based on the probe, CBI booked Vijay, along with unknown public servants, under IPC sections for criminal conspiracy, breach of trust, forgery, falsification of accounts, and under provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

CBI said on Saturday, "The accused has been arrested. Further investigation is underway."



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232 करोड़ रुपए निजी खाते में जमा कराने का आरोप भारतीय हवाई अड्डा प्राधिकरण के वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक गिरफ्तार

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 30 अगस्त।

केंद्रीय अन्वेषण ब्यूरो (सीबीआई) ने भारतीय हवाई अड्डा प्राधिकरण (एएआई) के एक वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक को 232 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की धनराशि को व्यापारिक उद्देश्यों के लिए अपने निजी खाते में जमा कराने के आरोप में गिरफ्तार किया है। अधिकारियों ने शनिवार को यह जानकारी दी।

अधिकारियों ने बताया कि एएआई के वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक (वित्त एवं लेखा) राहुल विजय ने देहरादून हवाई अड्डे पर अपनी तैनाती के दौरान तीन वर्षों में फर्जी

सीबीआई प्रवक्ता ने एक बयान में कहा कि विजय ने आधिकारिक और इलेक्ट्रॉनिक रेकार्ड में हेरफेर करके एएआई की राशि का व्यवस्थित रूप से अपने निजी खाते में अंतरण किया।

लेखा प्रविष्टियों के एक जटिल जाल के माध्यम से धन अंतरण की साजिश रची।

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बयान के मुताबिक, 'जांच के

दौरान यह सामने आया कि 2019-20 से 2022-23 की अवधि में, देहरादून हवाई अड्डे पर तैनाती के दौरान, आरोपी ने फर्जी और काल्पनिक संपत्तियां बनाकर और कुछ संपत्तियों के मूल्यों को बढ़ाकर इलेक्ट्रॉनिक रेकार्ड में हेरफेर किया, जिसमें प्रविष्टियों में शून्य जोड़ना भी शामिल था, ताकि नियमित जांच से बचा जा सके।'

बयान के अनुसार, बैंक लेन-देन के प्रारंभिक विश्लेषण में केंद्रीय जांच एजेंसी ने पाया कि इस तरह से जमा की गई धनराशि को आरोपी ने 'ट्रेडिंग खातों' में स्थानांतरित कर दिया, जिससे सार्वजनिक धन की हेराफेरी हुई।



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पायनियर समाचार सेवा। देहरादून

भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) में अब तक का सबसे बड़ा वित्तीय घोटाला सामने आया है। जौलीग्रंट एयरपोर्ट पर तैनाती के दौरान प्राधिकरण के एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने तीन वर्षों में फर्जी कार्यों और काल्पनिक खर्चों के नाम पर 232 करोड़ रुपये का गबन कर लिया। मामले की गंभीरता को देखते हुए सीबीआई ने आरोपी वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक (वित्त एवं खाते) राहुल विजय को गिरफ्तार कर लिया है।

मामला तब प्रकाश में आया जब एएआई के वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक (वित्त) चंद्रकांत पी ने 18 अगस्त को सीबीआई में औपचारिक शिकायत दर्ज कराई। शिकायत में कहा गया कि एयरपोर्ट के वित्तीय खातों की आंतरिक लेखा जांच के दौरान बड़े स्तर पर गड़बड़ियां उजागर हुईं। जांच में पाया गया कि वर्ष 2019-20 से 2022-23 तक देहरादून एयरपोर्ट पर कार्यरत रहे अधिकारी राहुल विजय ने योजनाबद्ध तरीके से प्राधिकरण के खाते से 232 करोड़ रुपये अपने



फर्जी वर्क ऑर्डर बनाकर सरकारी फंड को अपने खातों में किया था ट्रांसफर

कई विकास कार्य हुए प्रभावित

इस वित्तीय गड़बड़ी ने न केवल संस्था की साख को धक्का पहुंचाया है, बल्कि इससे कई विकास कार्य भी प्रभावित हुए हैं। वही, सीबीआई ने आरोपी को हिरासत में लेकर गहन पूछताछ शुरू कर दी है। जांच एजेंसी यह पता लगाने का प्रयास कर रही है कि क्या इस गबन में कोई अन्य कर्मचारी अथवा बाहरी ठेकेदार भी शामिल था या राहुल विजय ने यह सारा खेल अकेले ही किया। यह अब तक का एएआई से जुड़ा सबसे बड़ा वित्तीय घोटाला माना जा रहा है और इसकी जड़ तक पहुंचने के लिए हर लेन-देन की गहन जांच की जाएगी। आरोपी के बैंक खातों और संपत्तियों का ब्योरा खंगाला जा रहा है और जल्द ही उसकी अवैध संपत्तियों की कुर्की की कार्रवाई भी की जा सकती है।

निजी खातों में ट्रांसफर कर लिए। जांच में यह भी सामने आया कि आरोपी ने धोखाधड़ी को अंजाम देने के लिए कई तरकीबें अपनाईं। उसने पहले से जारी वैध वर्क ऑर्डर में हेरफेर कर नकली

वर्क ऑर्डर तैयार किए। वास्तविक वर्क ऑर्डर की रकम तो ठेकेदारों के खातों में ट्रांसफर कर दी जाती थी, लेकिन फर्जी वर्क ऑर्डर की धनराशि सीधे उसके अपने खातों में भेजी जाती रही।



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AAI senior manager arrested for siphoning off ₹232 crore into personal account: CBI

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The CBI has arrested a senior manager of Airport Authority of India for allegedly siphoning off over ₹232 crore of the public sector company's funds into his personal account for trading purposes, officials said Saturday.

AAI senior manager (Finance & Accounts), Rahul Vijay, orchestrated the transfer through a complex trail of fictitious accounting entries in three years during his posting at Dehradun Airport.

Vijay indulged in a systematic scheme of fraud and embezzlement of AAI funds by manipulation of official and electronic records, a CBI spokesperson said in a statement. "During the investigation, it has emerged that in the period 2019-20 to 2022-23, the accused, while posted at Dehradun Airport, manipulated electronic records by

creating duplicate and fictitious assets and inflating the values of certain assets, including by adding zeros to entries so as to evade routine detection," she said. In its preliminary analysis of bank transactions, the agency found that the funds so credited were thereafter transferred to "trading accounts" by the accused, thereby siphoning public money.

After the anomalies were red-flagged in the internal audit, the AAI constituted a committee to preliminarily verify the findings, which highlighted a complex trail of fictitious accounting entries, asset inflation and unauthorised fund transfers from the authority's accounts to Vijay's personal accounts. AAI senior manager (finance) Chand-rakanth P filed a formal complaint with the CBI on August 18, which became the basis of the FIR to be probed by the

Economic Offences Unit of the agency.

The agency recently conducted searches at the official and residential premises of the Vijay in Jaipur, which led to the recovery of incriminating materials, including documents on immovable properties and valuable securities. Vijay's alleged manipulation involved the creation of non-existent capital assets and the duplication of legitimate work orders, enabling him to funnel massive sums into his personal bank accounts, they said.

It is alleged that Vijay was the authorised signatory in AAI's official bank accounts with the State Bank of India, created three different user IDs for the official AAI account to facilitate a clandestine transfer of funds. He allegedly tested the system initially with minor transactions before escalating to

larger amounts.

"He has shown an asset creation of about ₹189 crore in the official records, which never existed. Only to get the money transferred to his personal accounts," the complaint alleged.

Vijay allegedly transferred money to the contractor of the AAI and for the same work, he transferred money to his own account by inflating the figure.

"For example, on 29.09.2021, he created genuine assets worth ₹67.81 crore for the New Terminal Building Phase 1 electrical work.

On the next date, he created 17 additional fictitious assets of ₹189 crore out of the above-mentioned 13 original assets valuing to ₹13.58 crore by adding one zero and duplicating the entries and got the entire money transferred in his account.

Official siphons ₹232 crore from airport authority

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The CBI has registered an FIR against a senior manager of the Airport Authority of India (AAI) for allegedly siphoning off more than ₹232 crore into his personal accounts through a complex trail of fictitious accounting entries in three years during his posting at the Dehradun airport, officials said. The embezzlement by Rahul Vijay, senior manager, finance and accounts, was detected in an internal audit, which flagged abnormal capitalisation of assets in the financial records between 2019-20 and 2022-23, they said, adding that the officer was handling the bank accounts of AAI.

The Airport Authority of India (AAI) constituted a committee to verify the findings, which highlighted a complex trail of fictitious accounting entries, asset inflation, and unauthorised fund transfers from the authority's accounts to Vijay's personal accounts. Chandrakanth P, senior manager (finance), AAI, filed a formal complaint with the CBI on August 18, which became the basis of the FIR to be probed by the Economic Offences Unit of the agency.

Vijay's alleged manipulation involved creation of non-existent capital assets and duplication of legitimate work orders, enabling him to funnel massive sums into his personal accounts, they said. It is alleged that Vijay, who was the authorised signatory in AAI's official bank accounts with the State Bank of India, created three different user IDs to facilitate a clandestine transfer of funds.

Official siphons ₹232 crore from airport...

He allegedly tested the system initially with minor transactions before escalating to larger amounts. "He showed an asset creation of about ₹189 crore in the official records, which never existed, only to get the money transferred to his personal accounts," said the complaint. Vijay transferred money to a contractor of the AAI, and for the same work he transferred money to his own account by inflating the figures, it alleged.

"For example, on 29.09.2021, he created genuine assets worth ₹67.81 crore for New Terminal Building Phase 1 electrical work. On the next date, he created 17 additional fictitious assets of ₹189 crore out of the above-mentioned 13 original assets valuing ₹13.58 crore by adding one zero and duplicating the entries, and got the entire money transferred in his account. Further, an amount of ₹43 crore through fraudulent entries was charged off under various revenue expenditure heads on different dates during the said period," the complaint alleged.



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CBI arrests AAI senior manager for alleged ₹232 crore fraud

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New Delhi, 30 August

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested a senior manager with the Airports Authority of India over alleged embezzlement of funds to the tune of Rs. 232 crore.

In this connection, search operations were conducted by the CBI on Thursday at the official and residential premises of the accused located in Jaipur, which led to the recovery of incriminating materials, including documents on immovable properties and valuable securities.

According to the agency sources, the CBI had registered the case based on a complaint received from the Airports Authority of India (AAI) against the said accused on the allegations that during his posting at the Dehradun, he allegedly engaged in a systematic fraud and embezzlement of funds by manipulation of official and electronic records. Further, public funds to the tune of approximately Rs. 232 crore had been misappropriated by him into personal accounts, it was further alleged.



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Airport funds fraud

■ **NEW DELHI:** The CBI has registered an FIR against a senior finance manager at the Airport Authority of India for allegedly siphoning off over ₹232 crore through fictitious accounting entries at Dehradun airport from 2019-20 to 2022-23. Internal audits flagged abnormal asset capitalisation and fund transfers. The accused, Rahul Vijay, allegedly created fake assets, duplicated work orders and diverted money. [PH](#)



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AAI official accused of embezzling ₹232 crore

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According to the FIR, the accused manager, identified as **Rahul Vijay**, allegedly committed the crime during his deployment at Dehradun airport as senior manager (finance and accounts) from 2019-20 to 2022-23. He is currently posted at Jaipur airport. **TOI** accessed a copy of the FIR, which states the matter came to the agency’s attention after a complaint was lodged by **Chandranth P**, senior manager (finance), on Aug 8, after which the case was registered on Aug 26.

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AAI official accused of embezzling ₹232 cr

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हवाईअड्डों के आसपास रियल एस्टेट गतिविधियों को सरकार देगी बढ़ावा

नई दिल्ली। नागरिक उड़्डयन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने शनिवार को कहा कि सरकार देश में बनने वाले नए और आगामी हवाईअड्डों के आसपास रियल एस्टेट गतिविधियों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए ठोस प्रयास करेगी, ताकि इस क्षेत्र की वृद्धि दर 15% तक पहुंचाई जा सके। एक कार्यक्रम के दौरान मंत्री नायडू ने कहा, न्यूयॉर्क, लंदन और हांगकांग जैसे बड़े हवाईअड्डों से सीख लेते हुए भारत भी एयरपोर्ट के आसपास होटल, कन्वेंशन सेंटर और अन्य सुविधाएं विकसित करेगा।

हवाईअड्डे केवल यात्रा का ही नहीं, बल्कि आर्थिक गतिविधियों का बड़ा केंद्र होते हैं, इसलिए इनके आसपास बड़े पैमाने पर निवेश की योजना है। साथ ही नायडू ने कहा, सरकार हवाईअड्डों के आसपास इमारतों को ऊंचाई पर लगी पार्वतियों से जुड़े मुद्दों का हल निकालने के लिए वैश्विक विमानन संस्था आईसीएओ (आईसीएओ) की मदद से अध्ययन कराएगी। एजेसी



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हवाई अड्डों के पास इमारतों की ऊंचाई तय करने के लिए जल्द ही होगा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अध्ययन: नायडू

नई दिल्ली, 30 अगस्त (एजेंसी): नागर विमानन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने कहा कि आगामी हवाई अड्डों के पास इमारतों की ऊंचाई पर अंकुश लगाने के लिए जल्द ही एक अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अध्ययन शुरू होगा। इसके अलावा सरकार हवाई अड्डों और उनके आसपास सेवाओं को बढ़ाने के तरीकों पर भी विचार कर रही है।

भारत दुनिया के सबसे तेजी से बढ़ते नागर विमानन बाजारों में एक है और पिछले 11 वर्षों में देश में चालू हवाई अड्डों की संख्या 88 बढ़कर 162 हो गई है। रियल एस्टेट संस्था नारेडको के 17वें राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन में नायडू ने आगामी हवाई अड्डों के आसपास रियल एस्टेट विकसित करने के महत्व पर प्रकाश डाला।



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BENGALURU AIRPORT GETS ACCESSIBILITY ACCREDITATION



In a landmark achievement for Indian aviation, Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has become the first airport in India to receive the Level-2 Accessibility Enhancement Accreditation from the Airports Council International (ACI) – a global recognition of its commitment to inclusive and accessible travel for all.

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar lauded the accomplishment, calling it a proud moment for the state and a sign of its leadership in world-class infrastructure and inclusive services.

"Kempegowda International Airport has made Karnataka proud by securing this honour. It reflects world-class infrastructure, advanced technology, and a strong commitment to accessibility for every passenger. Bengaluru continues to set new benchmarks for the country," Shivakumar said.

The ACI Accessibility Enhancement Accreditation is the world's only dedicated airport accessibility certification, recognizing facilities that go beyond compliance with accessibility norms to adopt a holistic, people-first approach. The Level-2 certification acknowledges airports that have established accessibility governance, implemented inclusive design and service practices, and trained staff to cater to passengers with disabilities and reduced mobility. Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL), the operator of KIA, has introduced a series of groundbreaking initiatives including, The Sunflower Lanyard Scheme for passengers with hidden disabilities, India's first sensory room for neurodivergent travellers, Ongoing staff training programs to enhance empathy and awareness among frontline teams.

Delhi Airport issues advisory amid inclement weather forecast

TGG NETWORK
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Airport authorities issued a passenger advisory on Friday, following a weather forecast of inclement conditions in the national capital.

"As per the Indian Meteorological Department's forecast, inclement weather conditions are expected in Delhi. However, flight operations at Delhi Airport are currently normal. For the latest flight information, passengers are advised to contact their respective airlines," the Delhi Airport said in the passenger advisory on X.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an orange alert for most of the zones, including Central, East, South and New Delhi.

According to the IMD, moderate rainfall is expected across several parts of Delhi over the next 2-3 hours.

The weather agency has advised the residents to stay indoors, do not take shelter under trees or weak structures etc. They have also been advised to check road/traffic conditions. Travellers are ad-



IGI Airport, Delhi. ANI

vised to carry an umbrella or a raincoat with them.

Meanwhile, rainfall lashed several parts of Delhi today, bringing respite from the humid weather.

Earlier in the week, Delhi experienced heavy rainfall, lashing several parts of the region.

According to the IMD's forecast on August 28, "Isolated heavy rainfall likely to continue over Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, East Rajasthan during next 7 days; Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana during August 29-September 2; West Rajasthan on August

30-31; West Uttar Pradesh during August 31-September 2; East Uttar Pradesh on September 1-2 with isolated very heavy rainfall very likely over Uttarakhand on August 28-29, September 1-2 and East Rajasthan on August 31." "Light/moderate rainfall at most/many places over Northwest India and accompanied with thunderstorm & lightning likely over Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh on August 28; West Rajasthan on August 28-29; Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad, Uttarakhand during next 7 days.



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2030 तक देश में होंगे छह करोड़ हवाई यात्री

नई दिल्ली: वर्ष 2030 तक देश में हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या बढ़कर छह करोड़ तक पहुंच सकती है, जो बीते वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में 4.12 करोड़ रही है। कंसल्टिंग फर्म नाइट फ्रैंक इंडिया ने शनिवार को एक रिपोर्ट में यह बात कही। रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, अगले पांच वर्षों के दौरान यात्रियों की संख्या में वृद्धि और प्रति यात्री खर्च में सुधार के चलते विमानन क्षेत्र के राजस्व में भी तेज वृद्धि होगी। इस समय सार्वजनिक-निजी सहभागिता (पीपीपी) मॉडल के तहत संचालित हवाई अड्डे कुल यातायात का 64 प्रतिशत संभाल रहे हैं। (आईएनएस)



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How to avoid getting caught up in 'air rage'

The passenger fistfights seen on viral videos aren't inevitable. Here are the warning signs and tips on how to dial down the tension

LAURA ZORNOSA

THEY JUST KEEP coming: 'air rage' incidents, like the fist fight videos on planes that go viral every few months. Just this year, a passenger spit on a woman, another threatened to crash a plane midflight and Ryanair instituted a fine — 500 pounds (about \$675) in Britain, 500 euros (about \$583) in Europe — for those offloaded from flights for causing trouble.

It's a problem that peaked during the



early part of the pandemic but hasn't gone away. The Federal Aviation Administration reported a nearly sixfold rise in unruly passenger incidents to 5,973 in 2021, as flights were beginning to take off again. Since then, reports have dropped, there were 2,102 in 2024, but they have yet to

return to prepandemic levels. Experts on air rage attribute the broad increase to a shift in social norms since at least the start of the pandemic, and add that the airline industry's tight margins following losses during the pandemic add a systemic pressure that trickles down to individuals in the

aisles. Passenger comfort is a lower priority, said Dr Alison Vredenburg, an industrial-organisational psychologist, who called the situation a perfect storm. Since a systemwide revamp of air travel is a long way off, here are tips on how to keep from having a meltdown that might be captured in the next viral video.

Know the warning signs

The main points of tension are easily identified: A crowd that has been waiting too long at the gate to board. A cramped seat in economy class. The frenzied competition for overhead storage bins. Lack of space is probably the biggest trigger. Lisa Grotts, the author of *A Traveler's Passport to Etiquette in a Post-Pandemic World*, advises travellers to control their emotions. "You can't control the aisle," she continued. "The only thing that you can manage is your behaviour. So if you feel your blood pressure rising, take a deep breath, because I like to say: 'Don't engage, because there could be rage.' So rage is not going to earn

you an upgrade. It's just going to earn you a seat off the plane."

Words to avoid

To keep heated situations from boiling over, try not to use the word "you," especially in an accusatory tone, said Sara Jane Ho, an etiquette expert and host of *Mind Your Manners* on Netflix. Steer clear of 'have to,' also, she added, people don't like being told what to do. So, hypothetically, when the cabin is filling up and passengers are looking to stow baggage and get settled, an opening line like "You need to move your bag" isn't a great start. Try something like, "I'd like to fit my bag in there, too," instead.

What to say instead

Ho said that instead of saying "you,"

shift the focus to "I." "Just focus on your experience, because nobody can argue with that," she added. Start any request with an "excuse me," Ho suggested, and a "would you mind?" would help, too. "Even just psychologically, when someone feels like it's a question, they're already much more receptive to it." In the hypothetical cited above, a better approach would be, "Excuse me, would you mind moving your bag? I'd be very grateful." Try to validate a tense fellow traveller's experience, said Dr Vredenburg. Passengers aren't there to enforce the rules of the plane, that is the crew's job. So consider when to get the staff involved, and avoid any conflict with the crew.

PASSENGERS AREN'T THERE TO ENFORCE THE RULES OF THE PLANE. CONSIDER WHEN TO GET THE STAFF INVOLVED & AVOID ANY CONFLICT WITH THE CREW

The alcohol effect

The addition of alcohol, which lowers inhibitions, often compounds the risk that a line gets crossed — which can fuel passenger altercations with the crew, too. So it's a good idea to limit your drinking before and during a flight — or at least wait until well after takeoff to have one.

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Petitions against Air India not maintainable after privatisation: HC

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MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court has ruled that petitions filed by Air India employees against the company are not maintainable since the airline's privatisation. The court said Air India Limited (AIL) is no longer discharging any public duty and now functions as a private company with a purely commercial objective of making profits.

A bench of Justices Shree Chandrashekhar and Manjusha Deshpande was hearing three petitions filed by employees of Air India, through Advocate Ashok D Shetty in 2001. Though the facts and reliefs sought in each petition were different, the employer in all cases was Air India, so the court heard them together.

Initially, when the petitions were filed, they were considered maintainable. However, during the pendency of the proceedings, Air India was privatised. The court observed that this change in status meant the company was no longer amenable to writ jurisdiction.

The bench noted, "We hold that all three writ petitions, although maintainable on the dates on which they were insti-

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tuted, have ceased to be maintainable, due to privatisation of AIL, which is not discharging any public duty." It further clarified that petitioners are free to seek remedies available in law, and any time spent pursuing the writ petitions will be excluded while calculating limitation periods.

The court emphasised the importance of judicial discipline and consistency in following earlier rulings on similar issues. Referring to previous decisions, it said that when a co-ordinate bench has already settled a legal issue, other benches of the same strength must follow that precedent.

The court concluded that Air India, being a private entity post-privatisation, is outside the scope of writ jurisdiction. Consequently, all three writ petitions and pending applications were dismissed, though the employees were allowed to pursue alternate remedies in accordance with the law.



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इमारतों की ऊंचाई का हल निकालेंगे : नायडू

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। देश के हवाई अड्डों के नजदीक इमारतों की ऊंचाई पर निर्धारित प्रतिबंधों के समाधान के लिए जल्द अंतरराष्ट्रीय अध्ययन कराया जाएगा। रियल एस्टेट संस्थाओं के एक कार्यक्रम के दौरान केंद्रीय नागर विमानन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू ने यह बात कही।

शनिवार को नारेडको के 17वें राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन को केंद्रीय मंत्री नायडू ने संबोधित किया। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार हवाई अड्डों के आसपास उड़ान और गैर उड़ान सेवाओं के विस्तार करना चाहती है। उन्होंने देशभर में प्रस्तावित हवाई अड्डों के आसपास रियल एस्टेट विकास को महत्वपूर्ण बताया। कहा कि भारत तेजी से बढ़ते



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नागर विमानन बाजारों में से एक है। बीते 11 साल में देश में चालू हवाई अड्डों की संख्या 88 बढ़कर 162 हो गई है। सरकार का लक्ष्य अगले पांच वर्षों में 50 नए हवाई अड्डे बनाना है और देश में 350 से अधिक हवाई अड्डे बनाने की क्षमता है। नायडू ने कहा कि विमानन सुरक्षा और हवाई अड्डों के पास रियल एस्टेट विकास दोनों के बीच संतुलन संभव है। इसके लिए उन्नत तकनीकी प्रणालियों का इस्तेमाल मददगार होगा।



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In u-turn, IndiGo gets extension for leasing of Turkish planes

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The DGCA has given IndiGo a third extension to lease aircraft and crew from Turkish Airlines, reversing its earlier ultimatum to end the partnership due to anti-Turkey sentiment following its support to Pakistan during recent

border clashes with India.

The regulator has granted IndiGo permission to use two Boeing 777-300 ER aircraft and crew for operating them from Turkish Airlines until February 28.

In May, the DGCA said it was granting "one-time, final extension" for three months up to August 31, 2025.