



**Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar greets Vice-President Jagdeep Thakur upon his arrival at Jai Prakash Narayan Airport, in Patna**



**Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla during the valedictory session of the two-day National Conference of Estimates Committees of UT Legislative Bodies in Mumbai**



**President Droupadi Murmu with Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during a meeting at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi**



**Congress leader Aryadan Shoukath, who won the Nilambur by-election, meets with IUML Supremo Panakkad Syed Sadiq Ali Shihab Thangal, in Malappuram**

# Suspend operation of Air India Boeing fleet pending safety audit: Plea in SC

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** A plea in the Supreme Court has sought suspending Air India Boeing aircraft operations pending a safety audit within two weeks in wake of the recent Ahmedabad air tragedy that claimed lives of 241 passengers and crew on board.

The London-bound Air India flight, Boeing Dreamliner 787-8, with 242 passengers and crew on board, crashed moments after taking off from the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in Ahmedabad on the afternoon of June 12.

The plea sought directions to the authorities, particularly the DGCA, to conduct unannounced audits of entire fleet of Air India and other air carriers operating in India, with public disclosure of findings and imposition of immediate corrective measures or penalties for non-compliance.

The plea filed by petitioner and advocate Ajay Bansal has made the Centre, Directorate General of

## BLACK BOX OF CRASHED AI PLANE IS IN INDIA, BEING EXAMINED BY AAI: MINISTER

**PTI, PUNE:** Civil Aviation Minister K Rammoan Naidu on Tuesday said the black box of the Air India plane which crashed in Ahmedabad earlier this month was being examined by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau, and dismissed speculation that it would be sent abroad for an inquiry. The London-bound Air India flight crashed into a hostel complex in Ahmedabad moments after taking off from the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport there on June 12 afternoon, killing 270 persons, including 241 on board. One passenger survived. The black box of Air India's Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner plane was recovered from the site on June 13. A black box is a small device that records information about an aircraft during its flight. It helps in the investigation of aviation accidents. Asked about some media reports suggesting the black box would be sent abroad for a probe into the incident, Naidu said, "...it is all speculation. The black box is very much in India and it is currently being investigated by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB)." To a query on when is the black box data expected to be retrieved, the minister said it is a very technical matter. "Let the AAIB conduct the probe and go through the entire process," he added. Naidu was speaking here on the sidelines of the Helicopters & Small Aircraft Summit 2025, organised by FICCI jointly with the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Civil Aviation (DGCA), Air India Limited and Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) as parties.

It also sought directions for stringent security and scientific checks of all planes operating in India and immediate grounding of all aircraft found not fully functional or without prescribed facilities for international passenger service until all defects were rectified and airworthiness re-certified.

In the interim, the plea sought to "suspend operation of Boeing aircraft of Air India, pending a safety audit within two weeks, in view of the recent crash and reported maintenance backlogs".

The petitioner further sought within four weeks the formulation and notification of fresh mandatory guidelines prescribing stringent and periodic functional checks of all cabin equipment, engines, airframes and ancillary systems, consistent with best international standards.

"The present petition challenges systemic fail-

ures in maintenance, functionality and passenger services on Air India flights, as evidenced by the recent tragic Ahmedabad-London crash, and the petitioner's own business class journey on AI 127 (DEL-ORD) on May 20, 2025, where seats, in-flight entertainment and air-conditioning were non-functional," Bansal said, referring to his journey from Delhi to Chicago.

The plea claimed the seats failed to recline properly, the seat-back entertainment systems were entirely non-functional and air-conditioning did not work until cruising altitude. The recent crash of an Air India Boeing aircraft on the Ahmedabad-London route has further compounded concerns of general public, the plea added.

Calling it a violation of Article 21 of the Constitution, Bansal said the safety and security of all air passengers were subsumed within "life" under the constitutional provision.

## 'Vote theft in 2024 Maharashtra polls': Rahul demands machine-readable digital voter rolls

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Flagging alleged irregularities in the Maharashtra assembly polls, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday claimed that there weren't isolated glitches but "vote theft" and demanded the immediate release of machine-readable digital voter rolls as well as CCTV footage.

The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha shared on X a media report which claimed that in just six months between the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and the Maharashtra assembly polls, Nagpur South West - the seat held by BJP leader and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis - added 29,219 new voters.

"In Maharashtra CM's own constituency, the voter list grew by 8% in just 5 months. Some booths saw a 20-50% surge. BLOs reported unknown individuals casting votes," Gandhi said in his post.

"Media uncovered thousands of voters with no

verified address. And the EC? Silent - or complicit. These aren't isolated glitches. This is vote theft. The cover-up is the confession," he said.

"That's why we demand the immediate release of machine-readable digital voter rolls and CCTV footage," Gandhi added.

In a post on X, the Chief Electoral Office in Maharashtra said as informed by the Election Commission of India already, electoral rolls are shared with all recognised political parties.

"During 2nd Special Summary Revision-2024, which was taken up before the General Elections to Maharashtra Assembly-2024, the copies of draft and final electoral rolls of all 288 ACs were provided to representatives of all recognised political parties including INC (Dates of handing over the rolls to INC can be seen in the attachment)," the office said.

## India evacuates more Indians from Iran, Israel

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** India on Tuesday evacuated 292 citizens from Iran and 366 nationals from Israel amid escalating tensions between the two countries following the US bombing of three Iranian nuclear sites.

With the fresh batch of evacuees from Iran, India has brought back 2,295 Indians from the Persian Gulf nation so far.

India brought back 161 Indians in a chartered flight from Amman that landed at 8:20 am. The Indians were moved from Israel to Jordan through land border crossings.

Another group of 165 Indians were flown back to New Delhi from Amman in a C-17 military transport aircraft. They were received at the airport by Union Minister L Murugan.

Two-hundred-ninety-two Indian nationals were evacuated from Iran on a special flight that arrived in New Delhi from Mashhad at 3:30 am, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

## Omar Abdullah says ready to recommend dissolution of J-K Assembly if statehood is restored

**PTI, SRINAGAR:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said he has no objections if the Legislative Assembly has to be dissolved and fresh elections are to be conducted after statehood is restored to Jammu and Kashmir.

"I have read in a newspaper that statehood will be restored but assembly elections would have to be held afresh. Let them do it, who has stopped them," Abdullah told reporters at Gulmarg, 52 kilometres

from here.

Abdullah, who was sworn in as the first chief minister of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in October last year, said that statehood is the right of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"I know where the story has come from. I know who planted the story in a newspaper here... it was planted only to scare the MLAs. This statehood is not for any MLA or the government. This statehood is for

the people of Jammu and Kashmir and we MLAs will not be an obstacle in it.

"If the MLAs are being threatened with the dissolution of the Assembly for the restoration of statehood, then do it. The day the state is established again, the next day we will go to the governor and recommend the dissolution of the Assembly. Don't try to scare us... statehood is our right and give it (back) to us. Stop planting stories in newspapers, it won't work," he added.

## Ahmedabad plane crash: Shifting of wreckage underway

**PTI, AHMEDABAD:** The process of shifting the wreckage of the Air India plane, that crashed on June 12 on a medical college hostel in Ahmedabad, to the airport premises here was still on for the third day, officials said on Tuesday.

The Gujarat police on Sunday started moving the wreckage on trucks from the crash site in Meghanagar to GUJSAIL (Gujarat State Aviation Infrastructure Company Limited) building, which is in the airport premises.

The ill-fated plane's tail fin, which got stuck on the medical college hostel premises, was shifted on a truck on Sunday.

## RAISING THEIR VOICE FOR LIVELIHOOD



Street vendors during a protest against local authorities' action to stop their roadside businesses, in Bengaluru, Karnataka

## Emergency made part of school syllabus during UPA rule, 3 decades after imposition

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** It took three decades for the Emergency imposed by then-prime minister Indira Gandhi, a 21-month period marked by censorship and mass arrests of opposition leaders, to make an entry into NCERT political science textbooks.

Curiously, it happened under the Congress-led UPA rule in 2007.

While there are still complaints that school textbooks are yet to reflect the full excesses of the Emergency, several passages about the dark period got pruned as late as 2023 under the BJP as part of a curriculum rationalisation exercise following the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Krishna

Kumar, former NCERT chairman, the Emergency was introduced in class 12 political science textbooks in 2007 after the revision of the National Curriculum Framework (NCF).

He, however, did not elaborate on the process of introducing the subject into the curriculum.

In the textbook published in 2007, 25 pages of a chapter, "the crisis of democratic order", detailed the nature of the crisis, the argument behind it, the supporters and the opponents, and how the Emergency shaped the politics of the time.

The Emergency and anti-Sikh riots were included in the textbooks despite the Congress gov-

ernment being in power as academia was fully autonomous then, said Anita Rampal, who was the chairperson of some committees constituted by the NCERT for the development of textbooks.

"The textbook advisors had met then HRD Minister Arjun Singh to let him know what was being incorporated into textbooks and there was absolutely no government interference."

"NCERT or for that matter academics was fully autonomous then. The fact that Emergency or anti-Sikh riots could be included in the curriculum that too with cartoons critical of Indira Gandhi... it is unthinkable in today's

time," Rampal, also a former Dean of Delhi University's Faculty of Education, told PTI.

The chapter included excerpts from Indira Gandhi's speech to the nation on All India Radio, critical cartoons by RK Laxman, details of the Shah Commission report on the excesses of the period, several newspaper clippings about the announcement of Emergency and subsequent defeat of the Congress in Lok Sabha polls, Amul's tongue-in-cheek take on forced sterilisation, clippings on power shutdown that stopped newspapers from printing and Telegram messages reflecting attempts to censor the press.

## India-US deal to produce F-414 jet engines to be sealed by March: HAL Chief Sunil

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** The Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) will seal a deal with US defence major GE Aerospace by March to jointly produce a jet engine to power the next generation of India's combat aircraft, the aviation behemoth's chief DK Sunil has said.

The mega plan to jointly produce the F-414 engines in India was announced during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Washington DC in 2023, though the programme suffered from several slippages because of protracted negotiations on the sharing of advanced technologies.

## National Institute of Virology develops portable 'point-of-care' test kit for detecting Nipah virus

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** India will now be able to detect the Nipah virus within minutes as the National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune, under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), has developed a portable 'point-of-care' test kit for detecting the virus.

This kit can provide instant results even outside laboratory settings and will be deployed soon in high-risk areas like Kerala and West Bengal, Dr Naveen

Kumar, the director of NIV, said.

"We have developed a LAMP-based portable kit for quick and reliable detection of the Nipah virus. It provides results in just a few minutes without the need for a laboratory. The kit has also been patented," Dr Kumar said.

The Nipah virus primarily spreads through fruit bats and has caused several outbreaks in India.

With a mortality rate

exceeding 50 per cent, it is one of the most lethal viral diseases.

In India, the capability to culture the Nipah virus exists only at NIV Pune, where genomic analysis, vaccine development, and drug testing are also carried out, said Dr Pragna Yadav, senior scientist at NIV.

The NIV is working with a pharma company and research partners to develop monoclonal antibodies to treat Nipah. Additionally,

the institute is also working on an indigenous vaccine for the Nipah virus, which is expected to enter trial phases in the coming years.

According to data, the Nipah virus samples found in India so far belong to the 'Genotype B' category, seen in both Bangladesh and India, Dr Kumar said.

This variant spreads rapidly and causes severe symptoms, whereas the Malaysian variant (Geno-

type M) is comparatively less infectious.

Over the past decade, most Nipah virus cases in India have been reported from Kerala and West Bengal, he said. The NIV has set up specialised labs and monitoring systems in these states to enable early detection and containment, Dr Kumar added.

From 1998 to 2018, more than 700 cases were reported across India, Malaysia, and Bangladesh.

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To,  
M/s HRUSHIVED, Address 1) Factory: Plot No. 39 And 40 Phase III, Kakoda Industrial Estate, Kakoda, Goa 403706. M/s HRUSHIVED, Address 2) Ground Floor, S1 Shalimar Apartment, Pajifond, Margao, South Goa Taluka Salcete Goa 403601. Sri. SANDEEP SUBHASH PRABHUDESAI (PARTNER/GUARANTOR), A 4 Shalimar Apts Pajifond, Margao South Goa Taluka Salcete Goa 403601. Mrs. JAANAVI SANDEEP PRABHUDESAI (PARTNER/GUARANTOR), A 4 Shalimar Apts Pajifond, Margao South Goa Taluka Salcete Goa 403601. Mrs. JAANAVI SANDEEP PRABHUDESAI (PARTNER/GUARANTOR), W/O Sandeep Prabhudesai Nisarg Near Cd Flowey Valley Margao, South Goa Taluka Salcete Goa 403601. Mrs. JAANAVI SANDEEP PRABHUDESAI (PARTNER/GUARANTOR), Flat No A-501, 5th Floor Building A, Konkarnest Agalli, Fatorda Margao 403602. Mrs. Savita S Prabhudesai (Guarantor), G-5, Shalimar Apartments Pajifond South Goa Goa 403601.

Dear Sir,  
Sub: DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002  
That M/s HRUSHIVED, Mr. SANDEEP SUBHASH PRABHUDESAI (Partner/Guarantor) Mrs. JAANAVI SANDEEP PRABHUDESAI (Partner/Guarantor) (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrowers") and Mrs. Savita S Prabhudesai (Guarantor) have availed the following loans/credit facilities from our Margao Branch.

NATURE OF LOAN	LOAN AMOUNT	LIABILITY AS ON 11.06.2025	RATE OF INTEREST
Agri Term Loan - Food And Agro Processing	1,89,00,000.00	1,42,78,583.66 (liability) + 2,67,839.42 (interest) = 1,45,46,423.08	9.95+2=11.95%
Agri Term Loan- Food And Agro Processing	11,00,000.00	758813.99 (Liability)+ 28,093.85 (Interest) = 7,86,907.84	10.40+2 = 12.40%
ALOC	60,00,000.00	6000000 (liability) + 1,11,919 (interest) = 61,11,919.00	8.95+2= 10.95%

The above said loan/credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant documents executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated the Bank has classified the debt as NPA on 22.05.2025. Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you under Section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability of Rs. 2,14,45,249.92/(Rupees Two Crore Fourteen Lakh Forty Five Thousand Two Hundred Forty Nine and Paise Ninety Two Only) with accrued and up-to-date interest and other expenses, within sixty days from the date of the notice, failing which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act.

Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other law in force.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The demand notice had also been issued to you by Registered Post Ack due to your last known address available in the Branch record.

This Notice is issued in cancellation of our earlier Demand Notice dated 27.05.2025.

**SCHEDULE**

The specific details of the assets Mortgaged/Hypothecated are enumerated hereunder

**Movable Property:** 1. Hypothecation of all Types of Stocks RM/WIP/FG/Consumables/Packing Materials  
2. Hypothecation of all types of Plant & Machineries/Equipments installed at Plot No 39 & 40 at Kakoda Industrial Estate, Phase III at Kakoda village, Quepem, Goa.

**Immovable Property:** 1. Leasehold rights of plot of land bearing Plot nos 39 & 40 and everything therein, totally measuring 1200 sq. mtrs. in the property known as Kakoda Industrial Estate, Phase III, bearing survey nos 82/5, 82/6, 82/7, 82/8 (all parts) of Cacora Village, neither registered in the Land Registration Office nor registered in the Taluka Revenue Office and situated within the Municipal limits of Cacora, Curchorem, Taluka Quepem, District South Goa, State Goa and bounded by: On or towards the East by: Goa-IDC Internal Road, On or towards the West by: Plot no 38, On or towards the North by: Goa-IDC Internal Road, On or towards the South by: Plot no 61. Cersal id: 400063918444

2. All that premises in "KONKARNEST" identified as penthouse no. A-501 situated on the fifth floor of Building A measuring an area of 195.47 sq. mtrs. of super built up area (which includes the incidence of common areas such as staircase, lifts, parks, etc) assessed for House tax under no 2/8731 by the Margao Municipal Council constructed in distinct and separate piece of the land being the south western portion measuring 3000 sq. mtrs in the property known as "AGALLY" originally surveyed under Chalta No 6 of P.T. Sheet no 58 of City survey of Margao Town measuring 11,287 sq. mtrs. and presently surveyed under Chalta no 28 of P.T. Sheet no 58 situated at Margao, within the Registration sub district of Salcete and Taluka of Salcete, South Goa, previously described in the Land Registration Office of Salcete Taluka under no 43272 of Book 112(new), bearing Revenue Matriz nos 871 and 860 of which ¾ parts were distinctly surveyed under Chalta no 6 of P.T. sheet no 58, having an area of approx 11,287 sq mtrs and is bounded by: East : by Open/Garden space of the same Complex West : by Flat no A-102. North : by Passage and Lift. South : by Open/Garden space of the Complex. Cersal id: 400075514839

DATE : 16.06.2025  
PLACE : MARGAO

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