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New charges at Navi Mumbai airport, Rs 620 for departing domestic passengers

MUMBAI: The Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA) has announced the User Development Fee (UDF) for Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA). Departing domestic passengers will now be charged Rs 620, while departing international passengers will pay Rs 1,225.

AERA issued the tariff order for the airport's first regulatory period (2025-2030). It also includes costs for arriving passengers. While the incom-

ing local travellers will be charged Rs 270, incoming foreign passengers will have to pay Rs 525.

Navi Mumbai International Airport, run by Navi Mumbai International Airport Ltd (NMIAL), a joint venture of Adani Group and CIDCO, was opened in Oct 2025 and commercial operations commenced on Dec 25 last year.

The accepted prices were lower than the tariff suggested by the airport operator, AERA said.



"The User Development Fee (UDF) for departing domestic passengers for 2026-27 has been fixed at a reasonable level of Rs 620 per passenger as against the UDF of Rs 742

per passenger proposed by the airport operator," the regulator said. Likewise, the UDF for leaving international travellers was fixed at Rs 1,225 against the pro-

posed Rs 1,467. According to AERA, the costs would increase steadily every year to 2029-30. Departing domestic fliers are projected to see the UDF rising to Rs 738 by the conclusion of the first control period, while international departing travellers may have to pay Rs 1,459.

Meanwhile, Navi Mumbai International Airport has launched DigiYatra facility. Finally, the regulator has approved Rs 14,087 crore ARR against Rs 28,290 crore sought by the airport operator for the first control term.



Air India to trim domestic flights from Mumbai

MUMBAI: Air India is set to cut about 280 weekly domestic departures from its Mumbai hub between June 1 and Aug 1.

Sources said the Tata-owned carrier will reduce frequencies across several major metro and trunk routes from Mumbai, with Delhi witnessing the

steepest cut of nearly 50 weekly flights, though the route will still retain close to 300 weekly services. Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Kolkata will each see around 21 fewer weekly departures, while Bengaluru, which is one of the country's busiest business (Cont. on page - 2)

Ebola: skip three African countries, Indians advised

NEW DELHI: The Union health ministry has advised citizens to avoid non-essential travel to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Uganda and South Sudan following an Ebola outbreak linked to the Bundibugyo strain in parts

of Africa. "In light of the reported outbreaks of Ebola in Congo and Uganda, the WHO, under the International Health Regulations (IHR), 2005, on May 17, 2026, determined the situation to be a Public Health

RIYADH: The General Authority of Civil Aviation has issued a new circular to all airlines operating at the Kingdom's airports, updating regulations gov-

erning the carriage of portable chargers, commonly known as power banks, and other electronic devices onboard aircraft.

The authority an-

US clarifies Green Card rule; exemptions likely for Indians

NEW YORK: A day after the US announced a new rule requiring foreigners to leave the US and apply for Green Cards from their home countries, a clarifica-

tion has come that would provide relief to a select category of applicants. This would be good news for lakhs of Indians working in the US and in the queue to seek a Green Card. The US said that some Green Card applicants under the new rules would be exempt. This development comes after President Trump announced new rules governing immigration and Green Cards.

The advisory follows the WHO declaration on May 17 of the outbreak as a Public Health Emergency (Cont. on page - 2)

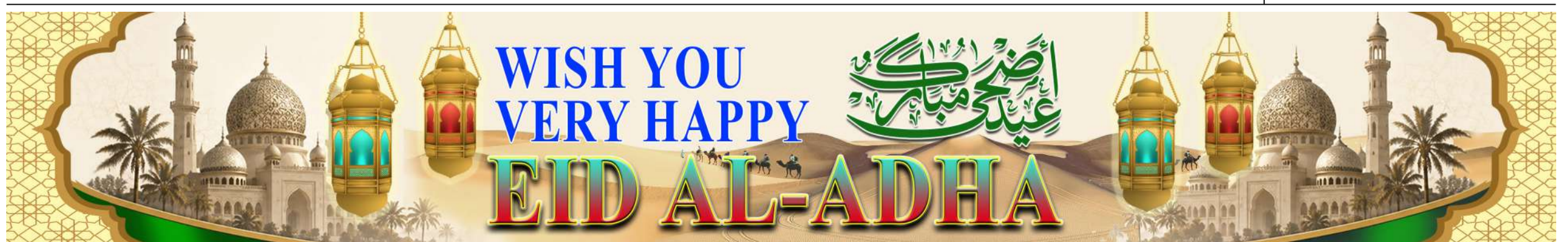
announced the updated rules on social media saying the measures are aimed at enhancing aviation safety and aligning with international standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Under the new regulations, passengers and cabin crew are prohibited from recharging portable power banks during flights. The authority said the measures are intended to strengthen aviation safety and security across all flights operating in the Kingdom.

Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)," the health ministry said in a statement.

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Please be informed that our offices will remain closed on Thursday, 28th May 2026, on account of Eid al-Adha. Accordingly, Friday's issue of **one** will not be published. We wish everyone a blessed Eid al-Adha.



HC grants relief to IndiGo in Rs 458cr GST case

NEW DELHI: IndiGo has received interim relief from the Delhi High Court in a GST dispute linked to compensation received from a foreign aircraft engine manufacturer.

The Delhi High Court directed the GST department not to take any coercive action against InterGlobe Aviation, the parent company of IndiGo, over a GST demand of around Rs 458 crore.

The dispute is related to compensation that IndiGo received from an overseas engine supplier after some aircraft engines developed faults during 2018-19 and 2019-20. Because of the



engine problems, several aircraft had to be grounded, leading to losses for the airline.

To compensate for these losses, the foreign supplier issued credit notes worth around Rs 2,000 crore to IndiGo. The airline argued that this amount was purely compensation for business losses and not payment for any service.

However, GST authori-

ties said the compensation should be treated as payment for a taxable service. According to the department, IndiGo had effectively agreed to "tolerate" the engine performance issues in return for compensation, making it liable for GST under the reverse charge mechanism.

IndiGo challenged this interpretation in court. The airline said GST had al-

ready been paid when the aircraft and engines were imported into India.

It argued that the later compensation only covered operational losses caused by engine failures and did not create any new taxable transaction. The airline also referred to a 2022 CBIC clarification, saying compensation or damages paid because of a contractual breach cannot automatically be treated as payment for "tolerating" a breach.

IndiGo argued that the contract was meant for performance, not for non-performance. During the hearing, IndiGo's counsel told the court that the company was financially strong and there was no risk to government revenue. The counsel said the airline pays more than Rs 20,000 crore annually and was not a "fly-by-night op-

erator."

The High Court observed at the preliminary stage that the amount received by IndiGo appeared to be compensation and not "supply" under GST law. Based on this observation, the court restrained the tax department from taking coercive action against the airline until the next hearing.

New CEO has a tough task, says Air India's Campbell Wilson

NEW YORK: Air India Chief Executive Campbell Wilson has said his successor will have "hands full" as the carrier struggles with a ban on using Pakistan's airspace, fallout from the Iran war and higher operating costs due to strong
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Air India to trim domestic...

(Cont. from page - 1) travel routes, will also witness a reduction of roughly 21 weekly flights, taking total frequencies to below 70 per week.

In addition to frequency reductions, Air India will temporarily suspend services from Mumbai to Nagpur, Varanasi, Patna and Bhopal during the two-month period. Sources said the scale of reductions is marginally higher than what was seen last year, particularly from Mumbai, which remains one of the airline's key domestic hubs.

The move comes amid elevated aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices, mounting operational cost pressures

and seasonally weaker travel demand during the monsoon months. Industry executives said fuel continues to account for a significant share of airline operating costs, while volatility in global crude prices and intense fare competition in the domestic market are forcing carriers to rationalise capacity more aggressively.

The domestic cuts follow Air India's recent decision to withdraw around 280 weekly international services and suspend eight overseas routes until Aug. The airline had then attributed the reductions to higher fuel costs and longer flying times caused by rerouting around restricted

airspace. Despite the cuts, Air India had said it continues to operate over 1,200 international flights every month across five continents.

Ebola: skip three African countries...

(Cont. from page - 1) of International Concern (PHEIC) under the International Health Regulations (IHR), 2005. Indian nationals currently residing in or travelling to these countries have been urged to follow local public health advisories, maintain heightened hygiene precautions avoid contact with symptomatic individuals and seek immediate medical attention in case of fever or related

symptoms.

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) has also classified the outbreak in the DRC and Uganda as a Public Health Emergency of Continental Security. According to the advisory, the WHO's IHR Emergency Committee on May 22 recommended tighter disease surveillance at points of entry to "detect, assess, report and manage travellers

with unexplained febrile illness arriving from areas with documented Bundibugyo virus detection" while discouraging travel to affected regions. `Ebola, a viral haemorrhagic fever caused by the Bundibugyo strain, is known to have a high mortality rate. The advisory noted that no vaccines or specific treatments have yet been approved to prevent or treat infections caused by this strain.

US clarifies Green Card rule; exemptions likely for Indians

(Cont. from page - 1) Speaking about the relief, a spokesperson for US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Zach Kahler, said individuals whose applications provide economic benefits to the US or serve the national interest are likely to be exempt from the country's proposed Green Card processing changes.

"People who present applications that provide an economic benefit or otherwise are in the national interest will likely be able to

continue on their current path, while others may be asked to apply abroad depending on individualised circumstances," Kahler said.

The clarification comes after the Donald Trump administration announced new immigration rules under which migrants seeking permanent residency in the US may be required to return to their home countries to complete the Green Card application process. A Green Card allows foreign nationals to

live and work permanently in the US. Kahler's remarks appeared to provide relief to thousands of Indian professionals in the US, particularly those working on H-1B visas. A long waiting period exists for Green Cards applied for on the basis of long-term employment. Indian applicants face wait times stretching from 10 to 15 years to get a Green Card.

For them to return to India and then apply for a Green Card would be economically and socially

unviable. Under the earlier system, many applicants could remain in the US while their applications were processed. According to updated guidance issued by USCIS, officials are expected to enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act. This means the transition from a temporary work visa to a Green Card would happen when the applicant is in their home country.

The US move is part of a series of attempts the Trump administration has

made to restrict and limit immigration for people from dozens of countries.

"Non-immigrants, like students, temporary workers or people on tourist visas, come to the US for a short time and for a specific purpose," Kahler said, adding, "Our system is designed for them to leave when their visit is over."

The US government policy fundamentally changes how foreign nationals on temporary visas can apply for permanent residency or a Green Card.

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Akasa Air expands capacity

MUMBAI: One of the worst-hit sectors due to the West Asia crisis is aviation. Record-high jet fuel prices, airspace closures and shrinking margins have even forced domestic flight operators to urge oil marketing companies to halt fuel price hikes until the conflict gets resolved. However, Akasa Air, In-

ed an increase. The company expanded its capacity by 13.2pc year-on-year in March and April, while IndiGo and Air India posted declines of 4.5pc 7.5pc respectively, according to a Bloomberg report citing data from Cirium, an aviation analytics firm. However, the double-digit increase in Aka-

4.7pc of the total domestic and international flights operated by Indian airlines during the period. The company had operated about 8,900 flights during the same period last year. IndiGo, the largest aviation player in India, operated over 1.31 lakh flights in March and April, down from 1.38 lakh in the corresponding period last year. Air India saw the biggest decline, from about 74,000 flights in March-April 2025 to 65,500 flights during the same period this year. Akasa Air was founded in Dec 2021 during the coronavirus pandemic and operated its first flight in August 2022. The West Asia crisis has pushed crude oil prices up by over 50pc compared with pre-war levels. This has resulted in aviation companies struggling with high jet fuel prices, leading to cuts in both international and domestic flights.



dia's youngest airline operator, may turn out to be an unexpected winner from this chaos. While its bigger rivals have suffered a cut in flight operations due to the war, Akasa has actually report-

sa's capacity expansion has been supported by a low base effect. During March and April 2026, just after the West Asia conflict started, the company operated 10,109 flights, accounting for

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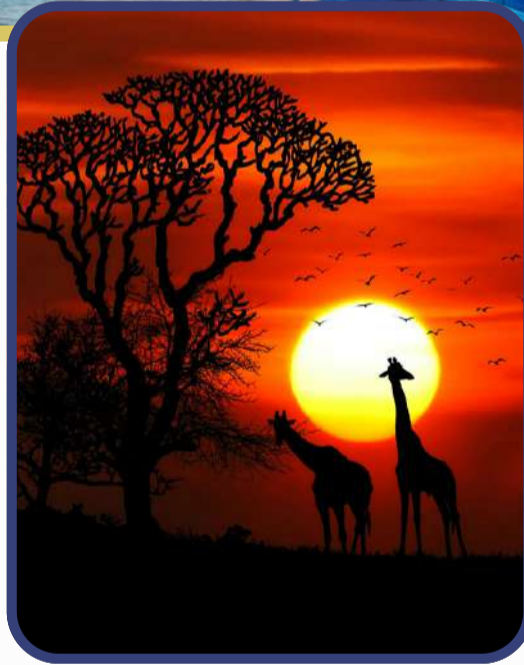
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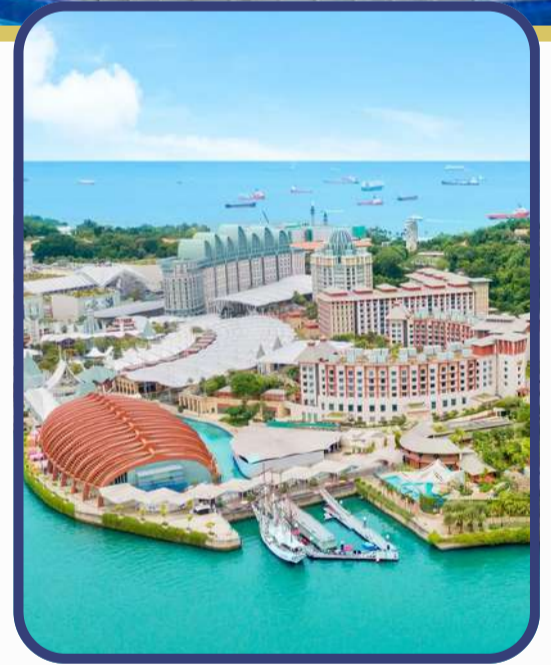
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GULF FAQs

What the law says about forged degree certificates?

I am heading an HR team in a company in Dubai. Recently, a couple of new employees have submitted fake degrees. Could you please explain how to deal with this situation and what the penalties and fines are for employees submitting forged certificates?

If an employee submits a forged educational certificate, it may be considered a criminal offence under Federal Law by Decree No. (31) of 2021, Promulgating the Crimes and Penalties Law. Article 251 of the UAE Penal Law defines forgery of a document as any act that changes the authenticity of a document through specific methods, with the intent to use it

as a valid document, resulting in harm. Forgery includes altering an existing document by adding, deleting or changing text, numbers, marks or photographs. It also involves placing a forged or altered signature, seal or thumbprint on a document. Obtaining someone's signature or seal through fraud or without their knowledge of the document's content is also considered forgery. Additionally, creating a fake document and attributing it to someone else, filling out a blank signed or sealed document without consent, impersonating another person in identity-related documents or falsifying facts in documents intended to confirm truth all constitute forgery



under this law.

Furthermore, anyone who forges an official document may be subject to a penalty of imprisonment and/or a fine. This is under Article 252 and Article 253 of the UAE Penal Law, which reads as below: Ar-

Article 252 of the UAE Penal Law: "Forgery of an official document shall be punished with imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, and forgery of a non-official document shall be punished with incarceration."

Article 253 of the UAE Panel Law says: "A penalty of imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years shall be imposed on whoever forges a copy of an official document and such copy has been used, or uses a copy of an official document knowing of its forgery. The penalty shall be incarceration if such copy is of an unofficial document."

Additionally, anyone using a forged document may also be imprisoned and/or fined as mentioned in the aforesaid Article 252 and Article 253 of the UAE Penal Law. This is in accordance with Article 258 of the UAE Penal Law, which states: "Whosoever knowingly uses a forged document shall be punished by the penalty prescribed for the crime of forgery as the case may be. Whosoever unlawfully uses or benefits from a genuine document or the copy thereof in the name of another person shall be punished by the same penalty, as the case may be." In the UAE, submitting a fake degree certificate to obtain a job may

also be considered fraud or misrepresentation, which may lead to termination under Article 44 (1) of the Federal Decree Law No. 33 of 2021 on the Regulations of the Employment Relations. This article reads as follows: "The employer may dismiss the employee without notice after conducting a written investigation with him and the dismissal decision shall be in writing and justified and the employer or its representative shall hand it over to the employee in any of the following cases:

1. It is proven that the employee impersonated another person or submitted forged certificates or documents."

In accordance with the aforementioned, if it is confirmed that your employees have forged their educational certificates you as an employer may explore appropriate measures, which may include disciplinary action, potentially leading to termination of such employees without notice and, reporting the matter to the police. Additionally, you may register a complaint against the said employees with the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization (MoHRE). It is recommended to consult a legal professional in the UAE to ensure any actions taken are compliant with the UAE Laws.

Can I claim more after getting full settlement from my employer

Can I claim more from my employer for redundancy after getting the full settlement?

There are various reasons why employment can be legally terminated in the UAE. Company restructuring and downsizing is one of them. The provisions are set out in Article 43 of the UAE Labour Law. It states: "Either party to the employment contract may terminate the contract for any legitimate reason, provided that the other party is notified in writing and work shall be performed during the notice period agreed upon in the contract, provided that such period is not less than 30 days and not more than 90 days."

The law goes on to say the "worker shall be entitled to his full wage for that period according to the last wage he was obtaining and he shall work during that period if the employer requests the same". All

seems correct under the law and the worker will continue working and being paid until his final day. He will also continue to accrue leave and should be paid in lieu for any unpaid leave as part of the final settlement, along with her end of service gratuity. As this termination is in line with the law and payment is to be made in full, there is no entitlement to any additional payment.

The involuntary loss of employment scheme came into effect at the start of 2023. All employees should have registered and joined by Oct 1 that year. It is applicable to just about all employees in the UAE.

The responsibility for joining lies with the employee. They need to pay the premiums and it is mandatory to subscribe. The initiative provides a monthly cash benefit of up to 60pc of a person's basic salary for up to three

months, if they are let go owing to non-disciplinary reasons and are without a job.

They can make a claim through official channels – assuming they have taken out this insurance. Everyone should have by now and if an eligible employee fails to subscribe, they can be personally fined. The fine is set at Dh400. This is significantly more than is payable in premiums, so it seems pointless to defer signing up. Premiums are just Dh5 a month for employees with a basic salary of up to Dh16,000 and Dh10 a month for those with a higher basic salary. The employee must be in the scheme for 12 months before a claim for payment can be made. Benefits can be paid for up to three months, subject to policy terms and conditions. For anyone who has not yet applied, or who needs to make a claim, you do so here.

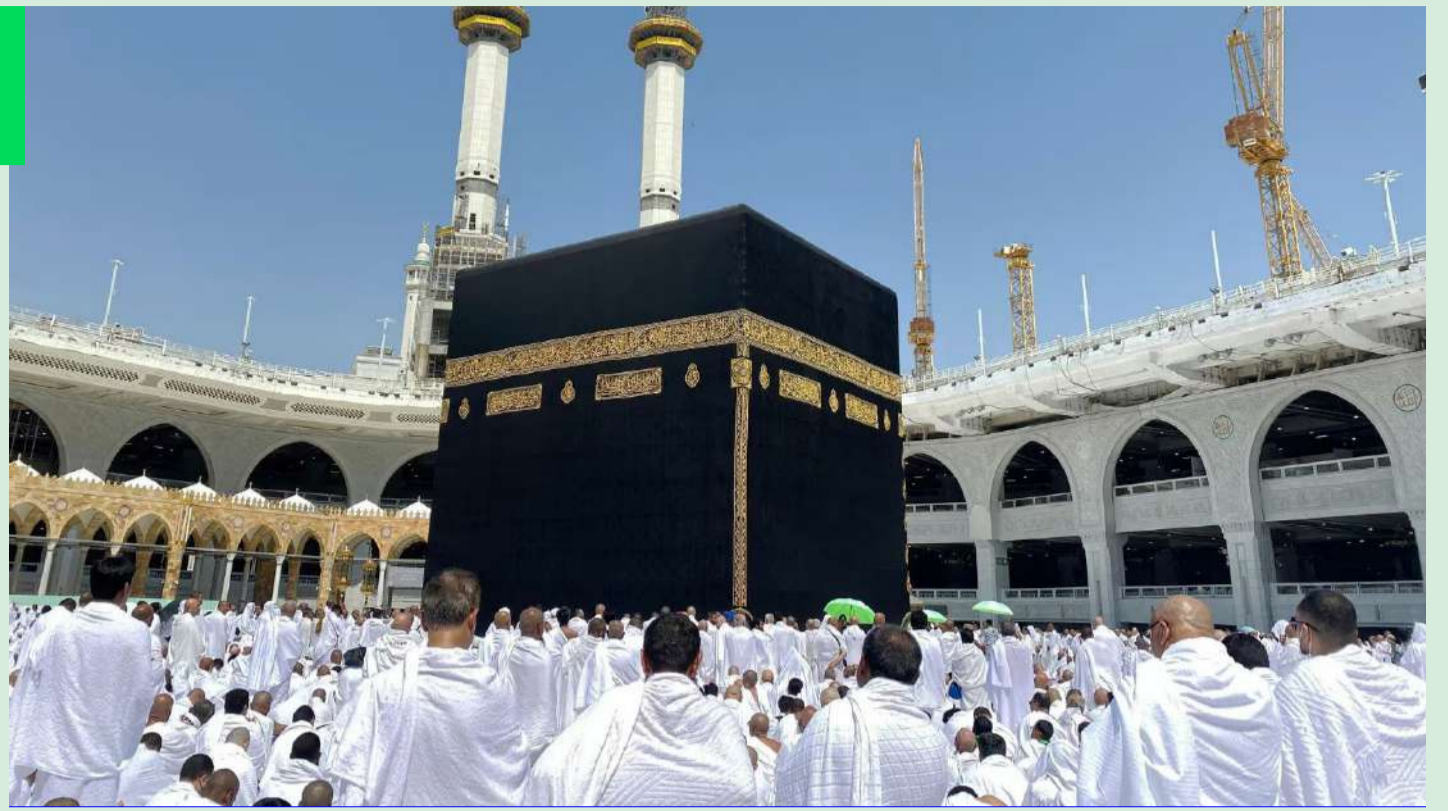
Haj rituals commence

MINA/MECCA: The Saudi Ministry of Haj and Umrah announced that all field and operational preparations for transporting pilgrims to the tent city of Mina have been completed, as the rituals of Haj commence.

Pilgrims have finalised their preparations to depart for Mina from their residences in Makkah to observe the Day of Tarwiyah marking the beginning of the annual Haj pilgrimage. Hundreds of thousands of domestic pilgrims will join more than 1.5 million foreign pilgrims who have arrived in

the Kingdom from across the globe for this year's Haj. Following the example of Prophet Muhammad, pilgrims are reciting the Talbiyah and glorifying God as they make their way to the Tent City.

The Ministry of Haj has implemented an integrated system dedicated to organising the movement of pilgrims to their camps and monitoring the quality of services provided at the holy sites, in co-ordination with various relevant authorities. The ministry's efforts include overseeing the movement of pilgrims from their ac-



commodations and hospitality centres to Mina, ensuring smooth access to the camps, providing guidance and awareness services and assisting pilgrims in reaching their designated locations in accordance with the ap-

proved operational plans for the 2026 Haj season. In co-ordination with the relevant authorities, the ministry has also completed the operational readiness of accommodation, catering, and transportation services within

Mina, while enhancing field monitoring measures to promptly identify and address any issues. These efforts contribute to improving the quality of services during the initial stages of pilgrims' stay at the holy sites.

Indian origin mother, son become mayors in UK

LONDON: A Haryana-origin family in the UK achieved a rare milestone as 23-year-old Tushar Kumar and his mother Parveen Rani were elected mayors in separate councils.

Tushar became the youngest Indian-origin mayor in the UK after taking charge of Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, while Parveen be-

came the first Indian-origin Mayor of Hertsmere Borough Council.

Tushar Kumar Becomes Youngest Mayor Of Elstree & Borehamwood Town, Mom Parveen Rani Heads Hertsmere Borough Council. Tushar's father Sunil Dahiya said over phone that while Tushar was elected as Mayor on May 13, Parveen became Mayor on May 20.

Dahiya, a businessman, said when he along with his wife Parveen and two children moved to the UK in 2013, they did not have anything specific in mind. "We had not come with any specific thing in mind when we moved to the UK in 2013... Tushar was just 10 years then," he said.

"Today, it is a matter of great pride that a mother



and her son from a family who are of Indian origin have become mayors at the same time," he said. Dahiya said Tushar and his mother always liked helping the community and doing social service.

According to Dahiya, Tushar was just 20 when he got elected as a councillor while he was in a college in London. Dahiya said his family still remains connected to its roots in Haryana and they also have a house in Rohtak where

some other members of the family live.

"We always stay connected with our roots. We visit our hometown every year," he said. Tushar strongly feels age should never be a barrier to enter public and community service and his message to the youth is that they can enter public or community service without waiting for a certain age. He strongly believes that one must stay rooted in one's culture and heritage, said his father.

New CEO has a tough task, says Air India's Campbell Wilson

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US dollar.

Speaking at an event in New York, Wilson said he would depart the company within two months and the next four years would be "just as challenging as the past, albeit in a different way." He pledged to help ensure a smooth transition and said he wants "to make sure the right person is in place to carry forward" a handful of challenges. Air India has reported heavy losses, faced a series of safety lapses and saw its 787 Dreamliner crash in June 2025, killing hundreds. The carrier has also been forced to cancel

thousands of flights due to the Iran war and the Pakistan airspace ban.

Flights in profitable international routes to North



America have been scaled back, and existing flights face longer journeys, adding costs amid high fuel prices.

"We now can't fly over many parts of the Gulf, so we have to take an even longer routing. An eight-and-a-half-hour flight from

Delhi to London now takes 12 (hours)," Wilson said. Wilson mentioned that the cost of fuel has doubled from 34pc of the carrier's cost before the US-Iran war. Apart from company specific challenges such as growth and building relationships with staff, the new CEO have to focus on navigating global aviation business challenges such as airspace closures and uncertain fuel prices, he said.

"The platform has been laid, but obviously when you bring aircraft in, you're going to be operating in a much greater scale quite soon," he added.

Fake call centres fleecing US citizens busted in Bengaluru

BENGALURU: The state cyber command police arrested two persons for allegedly operating fake call centres in Bengaluru and cheating several US citizens by impersonating "QuickBooks", a prominent US-based accounting software company. The

accused, Prashanth from Delhi and Akash from UP, are aged between 25 and 35.

Southeast cyber crime police, along with the special cyber cell, raided four locations where the fake call centres were operating in Bengaluru.