

# DIAL cries foul over flight ops from Hindon

Delhi HC refuses to grant interim relief, but agrees to hear plea

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The Delhi High Court on Monday refused to grant the GMR Group-led Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) any interim relief on its plea challenging the operation of commercial flights from Hindon airport in Ghaziabad. The court, however, agreed to hear DIAL's plea and sought a response from the central government and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) within two weeks. The case will next be heard at the end of March.

DIAL, which runs Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in New Delhi, is a joint venture, formed as a consortium between GMR Airports Limited (64 per cent), AAI (26 per cent), and Fraport AG Frankfurt Airport Services Worldwide (10 per cent).

Senior advocate Maninder Singh, who appeared for DIAL, argued that the Centre's decision to commence flight operations from an airport within an aerial distance of 150 kilometres of IGI airport was in violation of the aviation policy and the "state support agreement" between them. He said unless IGI airport reached its saturation, there was an obligation on the authorities

## CASE FILE

- Delhi HC seeks response from central government, Airports Authority of India
- DIAL alleges Centre has breached the aviation policy



by allowing operation of commercial flights from Hindon airport in Ghaziabad

- Centre says stopping commercial flights from the airport would impact passengers

to ensure no other airport was allowed to operate near it, as it would make the former unviable.

In its response, the central government said that stopping commercial flights that currently operate from Hindon airport would impact the passengers, and therefore should be allowed to continue for now. The Ghaziabad-based airport operates over 120 commercial flights weekly, the Centre informed the court.

Monday's plea is the third time DIAL has moved against the Union government with a similar plea.

In 2023, DIAL had withdrawn its first plea, saying it needed to

add certain facts to its plea. A second plea with similar prayer was also withdrawn by the company in January 2025 as DIAL told the court it wanted the 'liberty to make representation to the Centre and the AAI.

GMR did not respond to queries seeking its response on the two instances of it withdrawing the pleas moved before the Delhi HC.

DIAL filed the latest plea in January 2024, saying the Centre's October 2023 decision to expand Hindon's operations was "unfair, arbitrary, and commercially unfeasible".

(With inputs from PTI)

# As mercury soars, NDMA readies 300 heat action plans for cities

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As the country gears up for yet another scorching summer, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is planning to come up with 300 more heat action plans (HAPs) at the city level, a senior official said on Monday.

Heatwaves kicked off by February-end, sooner than expected, this year, with temperatures soaring above 40°C in states like Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, West Bengal and Odisha. Heatwaves are anticipated to continue in these regions till Tuesday.

During the next four-five days, Northwest India is also likely to see a gradual rise of about 3-5°C in maximum temperatures, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Monday.

"NDMA and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) have been pushing for the creation of HAPs.

## HEAT HAZARDS

- Nearly 200 HAPs have been finalised in India at the city level
- According to a UN report, India reported 40,000 cases of heat strokes and over 100 deaths till mid-June last year
- According to the Met bureau data, it recorded 536 heatwave days during summer of 2024



Nearly 200 such plans have been finalised in India at the city level. We are now trying to scale it up to another 300," Safi Ahsan Rizvi, advisor at the NDMA, said at the Global Heat and Cooling Forum conference.

HAPs are standard operating procedures (SOPs) which states/cities/municipal bodies need to follow to tackle heat-related impacts.

The HAP is a framework developed by governments to prepare

for, respond to, and recover from extreme heat events, aiming at reducing the effects on public health and infrastructure.

These plans may include emergency response activities, long-term heat preparedness and cooling interventions across sectors.

States are mandated to develop and implement 'heat HAPs' for prevention of heat-induced diseases. But most do not go beyond standard advisory on heat prevention.

Rizvi added, "Once these HAPs are in place, the big job for all of us starts — how to push it through. So, getting the district magistrates oriented and bringing the HAPs down from government paper are the basic tasks that NDMA has taken upon itself over the next few years."

The earth sciences ministry, last year, informed Parliament that the 15th Finance Commission did not find much merit in the request to expand the scope of disasters eligible for financial assistance.

Hence, extreme heat is not yet considered a natural disaster or calamity eligible for assistance. The ministry also said that heatwave deaths are falling due to better weather prediction by the IMD.

According to a UN report, India reported as many as 40,000 cases of suspected heat strokes and over 100 deaths till mid-June last year when temperatures shot up to nearly 50°C, especially in East and Northwest regions.

# Isro Kulasekarapattinam spaceport to see first SSLV launch in 2027

The Kulasekarapattinam spaceport in Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi district, the second launch complex for Isro outside Andhra Pradesh, will see the maiden launch with the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) in 24 months, Chairman of the space agency V Narayanan said on Monday.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) SSLV will primarily support polar launches of up to 500 kg, with Indian industry involved in its production.

"All facilities will be commissioned for launch in 24 months. The first launch will take place in two years. Don't think it will be literally small in size. It will be a 500 kg satellite," Narayanan told reporters after inaugurating a new research centre at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras - 'S Ramakrishnan Centre of Excellence for Research in Fluid and Thermal Science (ISRO-IITM).' Named after the former director of Isro's Vikram Sarabhai Space

Centre and a distinguished alumnus of IIT Madras, the Centre inaugurated in the presence of IIT-Madras director Prof V Kamakoti, will support 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiatives, promoting self-reliance in advanced space technologies and attract global talent and research funding.

"This will position India as a leader in thermal sciences research for space applications," the IIT Madras said.

Narayanan said the Centre would contribute immensely for the country's development. "Whether it is rocket launch vehicle, or satellite, thermal and fluid flow plays a very vital role, especially on how to handle the heat or thermal energy which is generated," Narayanan said.

During this year, Isro has planned a series of launches, including GSLV, a commercial satellite from the US, and unmanned test mission with humanoid as part of the Gaganyaan mission, Narayanan said.

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### RCS CHATS COMING TO INDIAN IPHONES

Apple is reportedly in talks with Google to bring cross-platform support for Rich Communication Services (RCS) messaging in India. According to a media report, this collaboration could enable Apple's iMessage to work with RCS protocols, improving communication between iOS and Android devices. RCS messages function over the internet and offer features such as read receipts

## HP launches EliteBook AI laptops

HP has unveiled a new series of AI-powered business laptops designed for professionals. The line-up features the EliteBook Ultra G11 14-inch, EliteBook X G11 14-inch, and EliteBook X G11 Flip 14-inch models, all powered by Intel Core Ultra processors. Additionally, an EliteBook X G11 14-inch variant is available with AMD Ryzen processors. Priced from ₹2,21,723 onwards, the laptops can be purchased through the HP Online Store.

## Public Notice for 12<sup>th</sup> Round of E-Auction – Punj Lloyd Limited (-in Liquidation)


**Sale of the Company on a going concern basis and in alternate various Set of Assets of the Company pursuant to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016**

Announcing the 12<sup>th</sup> round of e-auction for sale of various 'Set of Assets' of Punj Lloyd Limited - in Liquidation ("the **Company**"), including the sale of the Company on a going concern basis and sale of certain assets of the Company on collective basis, as per details mentioned in the table below, through public e-auction process. The Company is undergoing liquidation pursuant to the Order dated 27 May 2022, of Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi. The Company is incorporated in 1988, is a well-diversified business conglomerate, engaged in the business of Engineering, Procurement and Construction with geographic presence across India and Middle East Countries offering services in Energy, Road and Infrastructure along with manufacturing capabilities in the Defence sector. Interested applicants may refer to the detailed 'Asset Sale Process Memorandum for 12<sup>th</sup> round of e-auction' ("**ASPM**") uploaded on website of the Company <http://www.punjloydgroup.com/liquidation-documents> and also on E-Auction website <https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net>. The Auction Sale will be done through the E-Auction platform: <https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net> The details of the assets of the Company proposed to be sold in the 12<sup>th</sup> round of e-auction are as follows:


| Set of Asset | Asset Description  | Manner of sale           | Date and time of E-Auction                            | Reserve Price (in INR) | EMD Amount (in INR) & Submission deadline |
|--------------|--|--------------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| Category A   |  |                          |   |                        |   |
| Asset Set 1  | Sale of Punj Lloyd Limited as a whole (excluding certain assets as provided in the 'ASPM') | On a Going Concern Basis | 10 April 2025 from 10:00 hours IST to 12:00 hours IST | 341.92 Crore           | 10.00 Crore On or before 07 April 2025    |
| Category C*  |  |                          |   |                        |   |
| Asset Set 2  | Sale of Arbitration Assets of Punj Lloyd Limited   | On Collective Basis      | 11 April 2025 from 10:00 hours IST to 12:00 hours IST | 175.90 Crore           | 10.00 Crore On or before 08 April 2025    |
| Category D*  |  |                          |   |                        |   |
| Asset Set 3  | Sale of Leasehold Land, Building and Plant & machinery at Malanpur, Madhya Pradesh         | On Collective Basis      | 11 April 2025 from 10:00 hours IST to 12:00 hours IST | 70.50 Crore            | 7.05 Crore On or before 08 April 2025     |
| Asset Set 4  | Sale of Land at Sidhudurg District, Maharashtra  | On Standalone Basis      | 11 April 2025 from 10:00 hours IST to 12:00 hours IST | 11.30 Crore            | 1.13 Crore On or before 08 April 2025     |
| Asset Set 5  | Sale of Land at Mehasana, Gujarat  | On Standalone Basis      | 11 April 2025 from 10:00 hours IST to 12:00 hours IST | 89 Lakh                | 8.90 Lakh On or before 08 April 2025      |
| Asset Set 6  | Sale of Plant & Machinery and Inventory at DAPL site at Odisha                             | On Collective Basis      | 11 April 2025 from 10:00 hours IST to 12:00 hours IST | 29 Lakh                | 2.90 Lakh On or before 08 April 2025      |
| Asset Set 7  | Sale of Plant & Machinery at RSRP site at Chhattisgarh                                     | On Collective Basis      | 11 April 2025 from 10:00 hours IST to 12:00 hours IST | 26.50 Crore            | 2.65 Crore On or before 08 April 2025     |

\* It is clarified that if a Highest Bidder is declared for Asset Set 1 under Category A, i.e., Sale of the Company on a going concern basis, the Liquidator reserves the right to cancel e-auction of all Asset Sets under Category C and D. Further, the Liquidator also reserves the right to cancel e-auction of any or all Category(ies) and/or Set of Asset(s) being sold under 12<sup>th</sup> round of e-auction. Further, as per the provisions of the IBBI (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016, as amended, all interested bidders for the respective Category(ies) and/or Set of Asset(s) are required to submit an Affidavit that they do not suffer from any ineligibility under section 29A of the IBC to the extent applicable and if found ineligible at any stage, the earnest money along with any amount deposited by interested bidders shall be forfeited by the Liquidator. The format of the 29A Eligibility Affidavit is provided in the ASPM. The Liquidator reserves the right to amend the key terms of the sale process including timelines for any or all Category(ies) and/or Set of Asset(s) being sold in the 12<sup>th</sup> round of e-auction, to the extent permissible under the applicable laws and regulations. Any information about amendments /extension of any of the timelines with respect to the sale process timelines for any or all Category(ies) and/or Set of Asset(s) will be available on the Company's website and communicated to the Eligible/Qualified/ Successful Bidder(s).

Please scan the QR code below for accessing short videos containing information and credentials regarding Asset Set 1 & 3:




(Asset Set 1)




(Asset Set 3)

Please scan the QR code below for sale teasers regarding Asset Set 1 & 3:



(Asset Set 1)



(Asset Set 3)

Nothing contained herein shall constitute a binding offer or a commitment for sale of assets of the Company including sale of the Company as a whole, on a going concern basis. Please feel free to contact Mr. Ashwini Mehra at [LQ.PUNJ@in.gt.com](mailto:LQ.PUNJ@in.gt.com) or [Mehra.ashwini@gmail.com](mailto:Mehra.ashwini@gmail.com) or Mr. Surendra Raj Gang at [Surendra.raj@in.gt.com](mailto:Surendra.raj@in.gt.com) (representative of GT Restructuring Services LLP, IPE appointed as professional advisors to the Liquidator) in case any further clarification is required.

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