

India News – Airspace

Following India's launch of Operation Sindoor on May 7, 2025—a series of precision strikes targeting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in retaliation for the April 22 Pahalgam attack that killed 26 tourists—significant disruptions have occurred in India's airspace.

● Airports Temporarily Closed

As a precautionary measure, the Indian government has suspended civilian flight operations at 20 airports across northern and western India until 5:29 AM IST on Saturday, May 10. These airports are primarily located near the India-Pakistan border or at strategic defence locations. The affected airports include:

- Srinagar
- Leh
- Jammu
- Amritsar
- Pathankot
- Chandigarh
- Jodhpur
- Jaisalmer
- Bikaner
- Bhuj
- Jamnagar
- Rajkot
- Porbandar
- Dharamshala
- Shimla
- Bathinda
- Hindon
- Kishangarh
- Kandla
- Gwalior

The closure of these airports has led to the cancellation of over 200 flights. IndiGo alone has cancelled more than 165 domestic flights. Other airlines, including Air India, SpiceJet, Akasa Air, and Air India Express, have also suspended or rerouted flights to and from the affected regions. Passengers are being offered refunds and rescheduling options

International Airspace Adjustments

At New Delhi Airport, the country's busiest, at least 35 flights were cancelled since midnight. These included 23 domestic departures, eight arrivals and four international flights.

Foreign carriers, including American Airlines and Qatar Airways, also suspended certain operations. Qatar Airways said it temporarily stopped flying to Pakistan due to the closure of Pakistani airspace.

Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), which manages the Indira Gandhi International Airport, acknowledged the impact, saying, "Kindly note, due to changing airspace conditions some flights have been impacted at Delhi Airport."

Delhi airport further issued a passenger advisory in light of changing airspace conditions asking the passengers to coordinate with airlines and Air Traffic Control (ATC) to minimize disruptions.

"Due to changing airspace conditions, some flights have been impacted. Passengers are advised to contact their respective airlines for the latest updates and alternate travel arrangements," the advisory said.

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