

IndiGo cancels Ranchi flights amid dense fog

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Jharkhand : IndiGo canceled all flights to and from Ranchi, Jharkhand, on Monday (Dec 9) due to poor visibility caused by dense fog.

The airline announced the decision in a social media post on its official X account, offering affected passengers the option to reschedule or cancel their tickets at no extra cost.

The dense fog is linked to a cyclonic circulation over the Bay of Bengal, which triggered early morning showers in Ranchi and other parts of Jharkhand. This sudden shift in weather also signals the onset of winter in the region.

Meanwhile, as winter engulfs northern India, dense fog along with smog has formed major challenges for the aviation industry, leading to cancellations, diversions, and delays in large numbers. Major airlines like Indigo, SpiceJet, and Air India have taken precautionary measures

to tackle the situation and minimize the disruptions and prioritizing passenger safety.

Indigo has given training to 80% of its pilots for operating under CAT III conditions, under which flights will be allowed to land in almost zero visibility. The remaining number of pilots of the airline are currently undergoing comprehensive training. Indigo's Airbus fleet is armed with CAT III technology, because of this reason flights will be able to make accurate landings even when visibility is below 75 meters. The airline has also deployed more station crew in nearby hotels in case of emergency. More fuel reserves for flights have been ensured. Timely updates from experienced meteorologists will also be taken and it will help in making flight adjustments in advance.

According to the in charge of Ranchi Meteorological Centre, Abhishek Anand, "the weather is expected to clear from Tuesday with chances of light fog during the morning hours. The minimum temperatures are forecast to drop by 4-5 degrees Celsius for the next couple of days."

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