

Rain lash Mumbai, flight operations hit

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Mumbai: Heavy rainfall and low visibility on Monday, July 8, severely disrupted flight operations at the Mumbai airport. At least 50 flights scheduled to land in the country's financial capital have been either cancelled or diverted to several other locations, including Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, and Indore.

The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) issued an advisory for the passengers, directing them to check their flight status.

"Inclement weather at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), Mumbai on July 8, 2024 led to the temporary suspension of runway operations from 02:22 hrs to 03:40 hrs. CSMIA has deployed airport personnel across the Terminals to support passengers and provide them with necessary assistance. As part of our commitment to passenger safety and comfort, CSMIA has also made provision for

additional seating and water for passengers. The airport is also in close contact with local authorities," said Mumbai International Airport Ltd.

Taking to microblogging platform X (formerly known as Twitter), CSMIA said, "In light of the inclement weather and forecast of heavy to very heavy rains, #MumbaiAirport advises all the passengers to check their flight status with their respective airlines and leave for the airport a little earlier."

Several airlines have issued specific advisories stating that several flights arriving and departing Mumbai have been delayed, diverted, or cancelled because of the heavy rains. Some airlines have offered the option to seek alternate flights or claim a full refund.

Airlines Advisories

IndiGo Advisory

"Due to weather and subsequent air traffic congestion, flights to/from Mumbai are impacted. Do keep a tab on your flight status," IndiGo wrote in its advisory.

"#6ETravelAdvisory: Flights to/from Mumbai are impacted due to heavy rains. To opt for an alternate flight or claim a full refund, <https://bit.ly/3MxSLeE> or feel free to reach out to our on-ground team for any immediate assistance. For flight status, <https://bit.ly/3lpnChV>," IndiGo said in a statement on X.

Air India advisory

Air India also issued an advisory offering a full refund and the option to reschedule flights.

"Heavy rains in Mumbai are affecting flight operations and resulting in cancellation of some of our flights. Air India is offering full refunds or a one-time complimentary rescheduling for bookings confirmed for travel on 8th July with some conditions. For further assistance please connect with our contact centre at 011 69329333, 011 69329999."

Vistara Advisory

Vistara also issued an advisory for passengers saying, "#TravelUpdate: Heavy traffic congestion and slow vehicle movement are expected

enroute to Mumbai Airport today due to weather conditions. Customers are advised to allow more time for their journey to the airport. Thank you.”

SpiceJet Advisory

SpiceJet also asked its flyers to check their flight status. The airline posted, “#WeatherUpdate: Due to bad weather (heavy rain) in Mumbai (BOM), all departures/arrivals and their consequential flights may get affected. Passengers are requested to keep a check on their flight status via <http://bit.ly/2tG9xBx>.”

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