

Smog disrupts flights at Delhi airport

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New Delhi: Over 370 flights, including both arrivals and departures, were delayed at Delhi Airport on Monday (Nov 18) due to dense fog and pollution.

Data from Flightradar24 showed that by 2 PM, around 110 arrivals and 269 departures faced delays at the national capital's airport.

GMR Group-led Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), which operates and manages the Delhi airport, stated on Twitter, "Low visibility procedures are still in progress and flight operations may get affected at Delhi Airport. Passengers are requested to contact the airline concerned for the updated flight information."

Air India stated on X on Monday, "Poor visibility in Delhi and some parts of Northern India are affecting flight operations to and from Delhi today. Guests are advised to start early for the airport, as slow traffic

may delay your movement. You are requested to check your flight status before heading to the airport.”

According to aviation analytics firm Cirium, IndiGo is the largest airline operator at the Delhi airport with about 490 daily flights. Air India is the second largest operator at the Delhi airport with about 430 daily flights. SpiceJet operates about 62 daily flights to and from the Delhi airport.

SpiceJet stated on X on Monday morning that due to poor visibility at the Delhi airport, all departures and arrivals and their consequential flights might get affected. “Passengers are requested to keep a check on their flight status,” it added.

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IndiGo stated on Twitter on Sunday night itself that fog was affecting visibility in Delhi, which might result in slow moving traffic and delays in flight schedules.

“We recommend allowing extra travel time and checking flight status before starting your journey,” it added.

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