

Air India services affected worldwide for hours after server glitch, more delays likely



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Air India's operations across the world were affected for over five hours Saturday morning following a glitch in its main server. The server was restored by 8:45 am but the shutdown had left hundreds of passengers stranded at various airports. Air India's chairman and managing director Ashwani Lohani told ANI that

the system was restored but warned of further delays during the day.

The airline's flights on national and international routes were badly affected since early Saturday morning as the airline's server went down. Air India's check-in, boarding and baggage tracking technology is managed by SITA, a global airlines IT services major. Many passengers travelling on domestic and international routes were

stranded at the Delhi airport. "SITA server is down. Due to which flight operation is affected. Our technical teams are on work and soon system may be recovered. Inconvenience is deeply regretted," Air India spokesperson had said earlier in the morning. Irate Passengers took to Twitter to complain about delayed flights and shared pictures and videos of crowded airports in Mumbai and Delh.

Two Northeast headline grabbers turn out to be 'fake news'!

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It's the one thing that can threaten the very backbone of news media and people's reliance on trusted media channels to stay informed and updated - 'fake news'. The cases in question, currently, are two news reports that started doing the rounds on the social media channels of several media houses in the Northeastly this week.

One was an account of a supposed 7-year-old girl Licypriya Kangujam from Manipur believed to be on her way to the United Nations headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland to address a 'global UN session' for 'Disaster Risks Reduction'. The news flash soon caught the fancy of readers across the social media where the news was shared by various media houses with many acclaiming the development and expressing a sense of collective pride and happiness for such a story of

achievement from the Northeast.

Another story that garnered equal widespread attention and praise was that of a 12th standard boy from Lumding, Assam, Tammo Chakraborty, who was believed to be invited by 'NASA' to be part of a 'Young Scientist Competition' because of his 'invention' that supposedly detected 'earthquake 48-72 hour in advance'.

However, both stories were deemed fake within hours of them going viral.

The stories now appear to be fraudulent devoid of any authentication.

Manipur's media house, Imphal Free Press (IFP), smelled something dubious in the Manipur's 7-year-old's story. Investigation by the media house revealed the whole account to be a sham and a fully made-up 'story' and a nefarious work of a con man called Kangujam Kanarjit. Kangujam Kanarjit aka Dr KK Singh was arrested in 2015 in Manipur with charges of criminal case number 176 of

2015 under Section 420 (Fraud), 324 (Assault) and 406 (Criminal breach of trust), as reported by IFP.

Kanarjit, who allegedly cheated people of as high as 19 lakhs rupees apart from a range of fraudulent activities, still has several cases pending against him in Manipur.

The story about the 7-year-old Manipur girl, originally, came from a deceptive source - International Youth

Committee (IYC) with the internet search result listing Dr KK Singh aka Kangujam Kanarjit as the chairman of IYC, reports IFP.

Similar development came to the fore in case of the 'Lumding 12th Standard boy' narrative, the authenticity of which has been questioned by one Manabendra Saharia, an Assamese from Guwahati, who works at NASA as a hydrologist.

On a Facebook post, on Wednesday, Saharia exposes several loopholes in the story about the Lumding boy being invited by NASA to be a part of a competition.

Doctors meet organized to discuss advancements in neurosciences

Advent of technology in neurosciences has provided better outcomes

From a Correspondent Ludhiana April 27,

To highlight and discuss the recent advancements made in the field of neurosciences, Agrim Institute of Neurosciences organized an interactive session in Ludhiana today. Present on the occasion were panel of Neurosurgeons from across the country to discuss the latest techniques and building awareness for timely treatment.

The event highlighted upon developing expert regional team for the timely management of cases of acute stroke. Training sessions were also imparted on the recent advancements in the neurointervention methods for treating brain hemorrhage due to aneurysm, AVM and stroke, which could be life threatening if not treated on time. Also the major highlights included lectures on advanced techniques in neurosurgery. Lack of awareness among the people regarding the symptoms of stroke is one of the major reasons for not getting timely medical attention. Brain hemorrhages caused due to a stroke attack accounts for over 70% mortality rate and even after treatment leaves 20% of them with morbidity. With advancements in the field of treatment of stroke and other neurovascular ailments, patients arriving within the window period after a stroke attack can now be treated successfully.

"With the latest advancements and minimally invasive neuro-intervention techniques, life-taking diseases like stroke, Aneurysm, AVM that leads to brain hemorrhage are now easily treatable. In cases of



stroke, whose symptoms may be persistent before the actual attack is known as Transient Ischemic Stroke. In such cases timely intervention within 24 hours known as the golden period, is mandatory for better outcomes. Delay in every minute leads to loss of around 19 lakh brain cells, timely treatment with advanced neurointervention techniques can also reverse the conditions by extracting the blood clot." Said Dr Vipul Gupta, Director of Neurointervention-stroke unit, Agrim Institute of Neurosciences.

Dr Vipul Gupta also engaged himself in a teaching session earlier today, with the students of Dayanand Medical College and encouraged them to opt for career in Neurosurgery.

With expertise and advanced minimally invasive neurointervention techniques have revolutionized the treatment of carotid stenosis, acute strokes, brain aneurysm

and AVM's. Agrim Institute for Neurosciences is dedicated to generate a lot of change and bring awareness in early treatment and prevention techniques in stroke.

Dr Aditya Gupta, India's leading neurosurgeon also stressed upon the advanced techniques in neurosurgery, stating that techniques have become highly reliable, safe and effective in India. With the emergence of advanced neuronavigation and real time imaging techniques, the possibilities of treating the most complex cases have been made simple.

"The recent advancements like the advent of Cyberknife, deep brain stimulation surgery (DBS) for treating Parkinson's and other movement disorders, pacemaker for the brain, along with real time imaging techniques have made neurosurgery much safer and highly effective. Tumor locations deep inside the brain which earlier required

conventional open surgeries can now be completely avoided. Cyberknife radio surgeries are highly effective in treating deep location tumors without affecting the healthy tissues within half an hour surgery. Moreover the patient recovery time is minimal and can get back to daily chores without delay, and more importantly, without any scars." Said Dr Aditya Gupta, Director - Neurosurgery, Agrim Institute of Neurosciences.

Deep brain stimulation is most often offered to people with advanced Parkinson's disease who have unstable medication responses. DBS can stabilize medication fluctuations, reduce or halt involuntary movements (dyskinesias), reduce tremor, reduce rigidity, and improve slowing of movement. DBS is effective in controlling erratic and fluctuating responses to medication for controlling dyskinesias that don't improve with medication adjustments.

6 children, 3 women among 15 killed in raids on IS hideouts in Sri Lanka

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The bodies of 15 people, including six children, were discovered at the site of a fierce overnight gun battle on the east coast of Sri Lanka, a military spokesman said on Saturday, six days after suicide bombers killed more than 250 people.

The shootout between troops and suspected Islamist militants erupted on Friday evening in Sainthamaruthu in Ampara, to the south of the town of Batticaloa, site of one of the Easter Sunday blasts at

three churches and four luxury hotels.

A police spokesman said that three suspected suicide bombers were among the 15 dead after the shoot out.

Military spokesman Sumith Atapattu said in a statement that as troops headed towards the safe house three explosions were triggered and gunfire began.

"Troops retaliated and raided the safe house where a large cache of explosives had been stored," he said in a statement.

He said the militants were suspected members of the National Towheed Jama'at (NTJ), which has been blamed for last Sunday's attacks.

The government has said nine homegrown, well-educated suicide bombers carried out the Easter Sunday attacks, eight of whom had been identified. One was a woman.

Police said on Friday they were trying to track down 140 people they believe have links with Islamic State, which claimed responsibility for the suicide bombings. Police have detained at least

76 people, including foreigners from Syria and Egypt, in their investigations so far.

Islamic State provided no evidence to back its claim that it was behind the attacks. If true, it would be one of the worst attacks carried out by the group outside Iraq and Syria.

The extremist group released a video on Tuesday showing eight men, all but one with their faces covered, standing under a black Islamic State flag and declaring their loyalty to its leader, Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi.

DU Admissions 2019 : Registration Process Unlikely To Start From May 1



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Contrary to the previous claims that University of Delhi will begin the admission process this year from 1st May, it seems unlikely that the process will begin anytime

soon. "The date of admission will be announced when our preparations will be complete. It is highly unlikely to start the admissions in the first week of May," Rajeev Gupta, Admission Coordinator told Indian Express.

"There are many misleading reports being circulated. The sports and ECA quotas are not going to be removed. We will soon have an official meet where all the rules and regulations will be announced and any such confusions will be debunked," he added.

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