

Suspected Power Failure Behind Air India AI-171 Crash Near Ahmedabad



JUNE 12
235 PASSENGERS
215 VICTIMS
198 BODIES

AHMEDABAD, JUNE 13 — Investigators probing the tragic crash of Air India flight AI-171, which went down moments after takeoff from Ahmedabad en route to London Gatwick, suspect a catastrophic power failure as the primary cause. The Boeing 787 Dreamliner, carrying 235 passengers and crew, crashed into a medical hostel building just minutes after departure on June 12, killing dozens and injuring several on the ground. According to officials familiar with the ongoing investigation, the aircraft achieved an altitude of only 625 feet before losing control. Preliminary assessments based on air traffic control (ATC) reports, eyewitness videos, and the pattern of wreckage suggest a sudden and complete failure of the aircraft's main electrical system mere seconds after takeoff. The failure reportedly occurred so quickly that the pilots were unable to initiate an emergency turnaround or deploy the aircraft's Ram Air Turbine (RAT)—a critical backup power source intended to maintain basic flight control in the event of electrical loss. The black box flight data recorder has been recovered and is being analyzed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and Boeing representatives. Officials stress that the definitive cause will be known only after the data is fully decoded. However, the early indicators point toward an electrical systems malfunction—a rare but potentially catastrophic failure in modern commercial aviation. As rescue and recovery operations continue, Air India has grounded several Dreamliner aircraft pending precautionary inspections. A full inquiry is underway to determine the root cause and prevent future incidents.



Iran Appoints New IRGC Intelligence Chief After Israeli Strike Kills Predecessor

Iran has appointed a new chief of intelligence for its Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) following the death of the previous officeholder in an Israeli airstrike last week, the official IRNA news agency reported. Major General Mohammad Pakpour, commander of the IRGC, named Brigadier General Majid Khadami as the new head of the elite force's intelligence division. The move comes amid heightened regional tensions and follows a targeted strike widely attributed to Israel, which killed Khadami's predecessor, though Tehran has not officially released his name. Brigadier General Khadami's appointment signals a swift internal reshuffle as the IRGC seeks to maintain continuity in its critical intelligence operations. The IRGC's intelligence arm is a key pillar of Iran's security and regional influence strategies, often operating in parallel with the Ministry of Intelligence.

The nation mourns the tragic loss of lives, and heartfelt condolences pour in for the families of the victims. Authorities have assured all support to those affected by this devastating accident.

Trump Claims Monumental Damage to Iranian Nuclear Sites After US Airstrikes

Former US President Donald Trump has claimed that recent American airstrikes on Iran caused "monumental damage," particularly targeting Iran's nuclear infrastructure. In a post on his Truth Social platform, Trump described the strikes as highly precise, stating they resulted in significant destruction both above and far below ground. He emphasized that the most substantial impact occurred deep underground, where heavily fortified nuclear facilities are often located. Referring to satellite imagery, Trump pointed out a white structure "deeply embedded into the rock," with even its roof being below surface level and protected from external elements. Despite its shielding, he claimed the structure sustained massive damage. Trump repeatedly used terms like "obliteration" and "bullseye" to underscore the accuracy and effectiveness of the strike. These statements, however, have not been independently verified by US defense officials or international watchdogs. The comments come amid heightened tensions in the Middle East and growing concerns over Iran's nuclear ambitions.



South Korea Elects New President in Snap Election, Ushering in Political Change



In a high-turnout snap election on June 3, 2025, South Korean voters decisively chose opposition leader Lee Jae-myung as the new president. Lee, of the Democratic Party, won a landslide victory following the impeachment of his predecessor amid political turmoil. His win, with over 60% of the vote, marks a shift from conservative to centrist leadership and comes after years of democratic backsliding concerns. The snap poll saw a robust 79% turnout, reflecting citizens' desire for change and stability. Lee Jae-myung has promised to combat corruption, bolster the economy and pursue a balanced foreign policy with both the U.S. and China. Neighbors and allies are watching closely – North Korea greeted the result with a wait-and-see stance, while Washington and Seoul's other partners welcomed the peaceful power transfer as a renewal of South Korea's democratic vigor. Lee's presidency is expected to bring domestic reforms and a less confrontational approach toward North Korea. His immediate challenges include navigating a slowing economy and high youth unemployment. The resounding mandate provides political capital for Lee to implement his agenda and "renew South Korea's democracy," as he proclaimed in his victory speech.

Modi Advances India's Global Ties at G7 Summit and Beyond



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi took on a visible global role in June, attending the G7 Summit in Canada and securing new international partnerships. En route to the summit, Modi visited Cyprus on June 15 to discuss linking India with Europe via a new India-Middle East-Europe trade corridor. In Nicosia, he and Cypriot President Nikos Christodoulides touted plans to use Cyprus as India's gateway for sea-rail connectivity into Europe. At the G7 in Kananaskis, Canada – where India was an invited guest – Modi conferred with world leaders on issues from climate action to supply chain resilience. Notably, he held talks with U.S. President Biden and others on Indo-Pacific security and technology cooperation. The visit also yielded a significant announcement: India and Canada agreed to resume stalled trade talks, and Modi secured support for India's bid to reform global institutions. Separately, back home India hosted foreign dignitaries including Paraguay's president and progressed a free trade agreement with the UK.

Women on the Frontlines: How Climate Change Deepens Gender Inequality



Climate change is not just an environmental crisis, it's a human rights issue, particularly for women and girls in vulnerable communities. As the UN has highlighted, climate change acts as a "threat multiplier," intensifying existing social injustices. Gender inequality, already entrenched in many societies, becomes more pronounced when extreme weather events strike. Disasters often lead to spikes in intimate partner violence, force girls out of school, push families toward early marriage for daughters, and increase the risks of displacement, sexual exploitation, and trafficking. UN Special Adviser Selwin Hart emphasized that women, especially in poorer nations, bear the brunt of the climate crisis, yet current global strategies fail to adequately address this gendered impact. To illustrate this reality, CNN partnered with seven women photojournalists who documented the lived experiences of women and girls in seven countries across the Global South. Their powerful visual narratives reveal how climate change is disrupting lives — but also how women are resisting, adapting, and leading change. Each image tells a dual story of hardship and resilience, showing not only the struggle for survival but also the determination to thrive in an increasingly hostile environment.

India Pumps Funds into Stalled Projects and Reform in Education Sector



India took major steps to boost education through funding and regulatory overhaul. The government approved ₹1.5 lakh crore (~\$18 billion) in interest-free loans for states to modernize urban infrastructure, a portion of which will target completing delayed school and campus construction. It also launched SWAMIH Fund 2 with ₹15,000 crore to revive stalled affordable housing projects, including hostels and staff housing, which could deliver 100,000 pending home units. In higher education, the long-awaited Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) Bill is moving forward to replace the UGC and other regulators with a single body. While a parliamentary panel cautioned that centralization under HECI might hurt rural colleges, the new regulator is expected to streamline accreditation, funding, and standards. Meanwhile, India inked agreements allowing five foreign universities — including University of York, University of Western Australia, and Illinois Tech — to set up campuses in Mumbai's new Education City, with degree programs starting by 2026.

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“What India Can Gain from Global Education Models”

India's education system is evolving, with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 aiming to promote holistic development, flexibility, and multilingual education. However, to meet the demands of a rapidly changing global landscape, there is much to learn from international education models. Finland emphasizes teacher autonomy, minimal homework, and student well-being, fostering creativity and critical thinking. Singapore balances academic excellence with equity, introducing future-ready skills like coding and design thinking from an early age. Germany's dual education system combines classroom learning with vocational training, aligning education with industry needs. These countries show that successful education reform goes beyond changing syllabi—it involves empowering teachers, reducing rote learning, and encouraging curiosity and practical learning. India has taken important steps, but must continue adapting global best practices to create a system that prepares students not just for exams, but for life. By focusing on skill development, emotional intelligence, and innovation, India can build a truly future-ready education model.

Teen Chess Prodigy D. Gukesh Makes History, Becomes World Chess Champion

India’s 19-year-old chess sensation Dommaraju “D.G.” Gukesh has ascended to the pinnacle of the chess world, achieving feats unparalleled at his age. Gukesh clinched the World Chess Championship in late 2024 by defeating China’s Ding Liren, making him the youngest world champion since 1985. In early 2025, accolades poured in, President Droupadi Murmu awarded Gukesh the prestigious Khel Ratna, India’s highest sporting honor, for his world title . Gukesh’s momentum continued in June 2025 at the elite Norway Chess tournament: on June 1, he defeated world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen for the first time in a classical game . In a dramatic sixth-round encounter, Gukesh outwitted the former champion from what appeared to be a losing position, solidifying that a new era in chess has arrived . The victory over Carlsen – who had dominated chess for a decade – sent shockwaves through the chess community and was hailed by commentators as “the passing of the torch.”



Royal Challengers Finally Clinch IPL Title as Kohli’s 18 Year Wait Ends

In a fairytale finish to the Indian Premier League, Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) won their maiden IPL title on June 3, 2025, ending an 18-year title drought . RCB defeated Punjab Kings by 6 runs in a thrilling final at Ahmedabad to claim the trophy that had long eluded them. Emotions ran high as RCB icon Virat Kohli, who has been with the team since the IPL’s inception in 2008, finally lifted the championship trophy. Kohli was in tears of joy, saying “this is the best day of my life” in the post-match presentation. In the final, RCB posted 190/9 thanks to Rajat Patidar’s half-century, then bowled out Punjab’s reply at 184/7 . Spinner Krunal Pandya’s clutch 3-wicket spell earned him Player of the Match honors. The victory set off massive celebrations in Bengaluru – fans flooded the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium to welcome the team with chants of “Ee Sala Cup Namde (This time the cup is ours)” .



Alcaraz and Gauff Triumph at French Open in Epic and Breakthrough Wins

The 2025 French Open produced high drama and new chapters in tennis history. Spain’s Carlos Alcaraz defended his men’s singles title in an epic five-set comeback against Italy’s Jannik Sinner . Alcaraz, 22, dropped the first two sets but rallied to win 4–6, 6–7, 6–4, 7–6, 7–6 in a 4½-hour thriller on Court Philippe-Chatrier . Saving two match points, Alcaraz displayed breathtaking shot-making and mental fortitude, cementing his status as the sport’s new superstar. “This was one of the greatest matches I’ve ever seen,” marveled 14-time champion Rafael Nadal from the stands. On the women’s side, Coco Gauff of the USA stunned world No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka to claim her first French Open and second Grand Slam title . The 21-year-old Gauff won 6–3, 5–7, 6–4, showcasing her improved clay-court prowess and avenging a loss to Sabalenka in January. Gauff’s victory – making her the youngest Paris champion since 2005 – signals a shift in women’s tennis, as she is now firmly part of the elite. These results highlight a generational turnover: Novak Djokovic and Iga Świątek both exited earlier than expected. Gauff’s triumph and Alcaraz’s brilliance electrified the Parisian crowds, who gave standing ovations





EU Passes Landmark AI Act as Global Tech Regulation Ramps Up

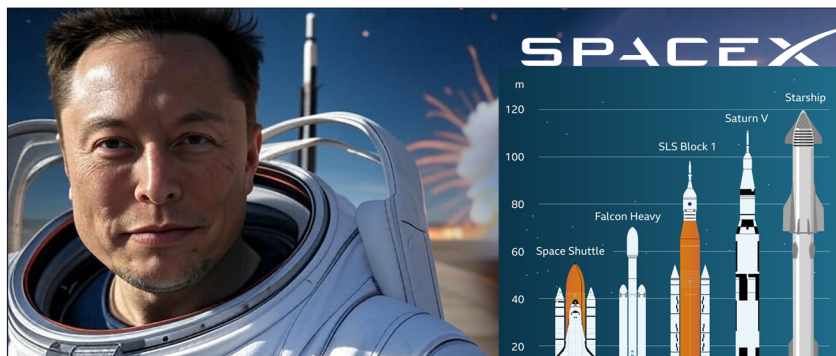
The European Union made history in June by finalizing the EU AI Act, the world’s first comprehensive regulations on artificial intelligence. Set to take effect in 2025, the law categorizes AI systems by risk and imposes strict requirements on “high-risk” AI used in areas like employment, education, credit scoring, law enforcement and healthcare . For example, AI that influences hiring or college admissions must meet transparency, accuracy and non-bias standards before deployment. The act outright bans certain use-cases of AI – such as real-time facial recognition in public spaces and social scoring systems – citing fundamental rights concerns. Tech companies will also have to label AI-generated deepfake content to curb misinformation. Non-compliance could draw hefty fines up to €30 million or 6% of global revenue.



OpenAI Signals Summer Launch for GPT-5

The AI world is abuzz as OpenAI prepares to release its next-generation model, GPT-5, as early as July 2025 . CEO Sam Altman, in a mid-June interview, confirmed that GPT-5’s development is nearly complete and the model is expected to go live “this summer” . Industry reports suggest GPT-5 will be a multimodal AI, fusing text, image, and voice capabilities in a single system . It’s also rumored to handle massive 1-million-token contexts (far beyond GPT-4’s limits) and to be trained on a “Stargate” compute cluster an order of magnitude larger than before .

SpaceX’s Starship Achieves Key Test Flight as Mars Vision Advances



SpaceX marked a major milestone with its Starship program in 2025, moving closer to making humanity multiplanetary. On March 6, Starship prototype 8 successfully launched from Texas and reached space in a 90 km suborbital flight – the first Starship test to clear the atmosphere and nearly achieve orbital velocity . All 33 Super Heavy booster engines fired at liftoff, and the vehicle soared for ~5 minutes before a planned separation. Though the Starship’s upper stage did not achieve full orbit (an issue with engine shutoffs caused it to reenter uncontrolled, burning up on return), SpaceX declared the test a “huge success” that validated many systems.

India’s Semiconductor and Space Ambitions Get Boost as Projects Advance



June 2025 saw India making strides in high-tech infrastructure and space. The government approved its sixth semiconductor fabrication unit, a joint venture involving HCL and Foxconn, to be built in Uttar Pradesh . This is part of the India Semiconductor Mission, which by mid-2025 has extended incentives to half a dozen chip fabs. One of these – a plant by ISRO’s semiconductor division – is set to deliver India’s first homegrown 28–65 nm chips by year-end . Officials say these fabs (focused on mature node chips used in autos and appliances) will reduce import dependence and position India as an electronics hub. In space, India’s private sector momentum grew: Skyroot Aerospace announced it will launch Vikram-1, India’s first privately developed orbital rocket, in late 2025 . The startup successfully test-fired all stages of the Vikram-1 and even conducted a stage separation trial in May, moving closer to a full orbital flight . Meanwhile, ISRO’s Gaganyaan human spaceflight program passed a crucial milestone with a pad abort test of the crew escape system.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie Finally Settle Divorce After 8-Year Legal Saga



One of Hollywood’s most protracted and high-profile divorce battles has come to an end. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have reached a final divorce settlement – nearly eight years after Jolie first filed to end their marriage . Lawyers for Jolie, 49, and Pitt, 61, confirmed that on Dec. 30, 2024, both parties signed off on terms resolving all remaining issues . The agreement comes after lengthy disputes over child custody, property (including their French winery Château Miraval) and financial arrangements. “Angelina is relieved this one part is over,” her attorney told People, noting that Jolie has focused on “finding peace and healing for the family” through the turmoil .

Aamir Khan’s Comeback Film Sitaare Zameen Par Becomes Surprise Hit



Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan returned to the silver screen after a 2+ year hiatus with Sitaare Zameen Par, and audiences have welcomed him back with open arms. The family drama – touted as a spiritual successor to Aamir’s 2007 classic Taare Zameen Par – opened to ₹59.9 crore (about \$7.3 million) in its first weekend in India . That ranks as the 6th biggest Hindi film opening of 2025, behind only a few action blockbusters like Salman Khan’s Sikandar and Akshay Kumar’s Sky Force . Trade analysts call the performance “remarkable for a non-masala film,” as Sitaare Zameen Par relies on emotional storytelling rather than spectacle.



Game and Nostalgia Films Dominate Summer Box Office with Record Openings

Summer 2025 has seen unconventional blockbusters ruling the global box office, led by a movie based on a video game and a live-action remake of a beloved animation. “A Minecraft Movie” opened to a colossal \$162.8 million in its first weekend (April 4–6), shattering the record for biggest debut ever for a video game adaptation – previously held by 2023’s Mario film . The family-friendly adventure has since grossed over \$420 million domestically, becoming the year’s top earner so far . Hot on its heels, Disney’s live-action “Lilo & Stitch” scored a \$146 million Memorial Day weekend opening – the highest ever for that holiday frame . With strong four-quadrant appeal, Lilo & Stitch remained No. 1 for three consecutive weekends and has amassed \$380 million in North America . Analysts note these successes reflect audiences’ hunger for comfort, nostalgia and family content.

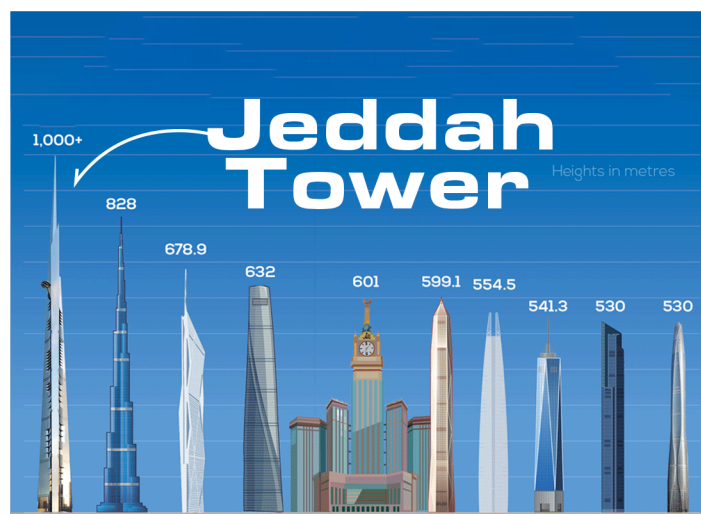


Rajamouli to Produce Biopic ‘Made in India’ with Jr NTR

Fresh off the global success of RRR, filmmaker S.S. Rajamouli has unveiled his next big venture: a biopic of Indian cinema pioneer Dadasaheb Phalke, titled Made in India. In an exciting casting coup, Jr NTR – one of Rajamouli’s RRR leads – will portray Phalke, who made India’s first feature film in 1913 . Rajamouli is not directing this time; the film will be directed by his son S.S. Karthikeya, with Rajamouli and Varun Gupta producing. The announcement in mid-May 2025 caused a stir across industries, given Rajamouli’s track record and Jr NTR’s pan-Indian popularity. Touted as “an ambitious biographical epic,” Made in India will chronicle Phalke’s journey in creating Raja Harishchandra and essentially founding Bollywood . Trade analysts say the project has “award magnet” written all over it, blending historical significance with Rajamouli’s grand storytelling style.

Saudi Arabia’s Jeddah Tower Races Skyward Again, Aiming for World Record by 2028

After years of delay, construction has resumed in earnest on Jeddah Tower in Saudi Arabia, which is poised to overtake Dubai’s Burj Khalifa as the world’s tallest building. In a January 2025 ceremony, stakeholders celebrated concrete pouring reaching the 64th floor of the megatower. The project’s new timeline is aggressive: builders plan to complete one floor every four days toward an expected total height of over 1,000 meters (1 km) by 2028. Once finished, Jeddah Tower will soar about 172 m taller than the Burj Khalifa’s 828 m. The \$20 billion tower is the centerpiece of the larger Jeddah Economic City development on the Red Sea coast, aligned with Saudi’s Vision 2030 plan to spur tourism and economic diversification.



Tax Breaks and Funds to Boost Indian Real Estate, REITs and Rentals

India’s Union Budget 2025 brought multiple measures cheered by the real estate sector. Key among them, the budget raised the income tax exemption limit to ₹12 lakh (~\$14,500) under the new regime, allowing middle-class earners to retain more money. This effectively increases disposable income by up to ₹75,000 annually for many families – money that can go toward home loan EMIs and down payments. Analysts predict this could “lead to a 15–20% rise in first-time homebuyers” in urban markets by 2026. Another homeowner-friendly change: taxpayers can now treat two properties as self-occupied (previously only one), meaning no “deemed rent” is taxed on a second home. This Nil Annual Value reform encourages investment in a second house without incurring notional rent tax, and is expected to spur sales of vacation homes and small investor purchases. On rental housing, the budget doubled the TDS (tax deducted at source) threshold on rental income from ₹2.4 lakh to ₹6 lakh per year. This will exempt roughly 2.8 million small landlords from TDS, reducing compliance burden and potentially boosting the rental supply as more owners are inclined to lease out properties.



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A War No One Wins

As we navigate an increasingly volatile world, the specter of a third world war looms larger than ever. While we hope it remains a distant nightmare, it is critical to understand that if World War III were to occur, its impact would be catastrophic—not just for humanity, but for the very fabric of nature itself. Unlike previous conflicts, WW3 would likely involve advanced weaponry, cyber warfare, and possibly nuclear arms. This would mean not just loss of life, but annihilation of entire ecosystems. Cities may be destroyed in seconds, and with them, decades of progress in science, culture, and diplomacy. But beyond man-made borders, nature too would suffer silently and deeply. Forests would burn not from wildfires, but from missiles. Rivers would run black with chemical fallout. Radiation could render vast areas uninhabitable, destroying biodiversity and contaminating food and water sources. The climate crisis would worsen, and any efforts at environmental restoration would be set back by generations. Our shared responsibility, as global citizens and leaders in our communities, is to advocate peace and sustainability. The cost of war is never borne by politicians alone—it is paid by every living being on this planet.