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Outage causes delays at Alaska Airlines

Alaska Airlines suffered widespread delays when their reservation system disconnected due to an outage on Monday. Sprint Nextel said the outages were the result of two cuts in the company's fiber optic cable network. Phone lines and data service in parts of California, Oregon, and Washington were affected.

Sprint later explained that one cable was accidentally cut during maintenance work on a rail track between Chicago and Milwaukee.

The company has yet to determine the cause of the second cut, which occurred somewhere between Tacoma, Washington and Portland, Oregon.

India plans for new airports

On Monday, Civil Aviation Minister Ajit Singh revealed the Indian government's plan to construct up to 15 new airports and update 50 existing ones. In the face of a growing middle class and increasing trade, the Minister said that the government is preparing for at least six percent GDP growth, despite recent temporary setbacks.

Additionally, while airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Hyderabad had been privately funded, Singh confirmed new airports at Chennai and Kolkata were ready for commissioning. The government now permits up to 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment in Greenfield airports.