AIR INDIA DREAMLINER GROUNDED FOR 9 MONTHS, WITH 400 PARTS MISSING

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Air India has kept an aircraft from its prized Dreamliner fleet grounded since January of this year.

According to reports in The Times Of India, the **Air India Dreamliner** (VT-AND) has been "stripped of parts to keep the other Boeing 787s flying."

The aircraft that costs around Rs 1,400 crore has been grounded as it has around 400 parts missing. There have been problems related to the supply of spare parts and Boeing has still not been able to deliver the necessary fittings, claims the report.

The airline currently has 21 dreamliners in its fleet.

However, this is not the first time an Air India Dreamliner has been grounded. In April 2014, Air India's Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner VT-ANI was grounded for what the airline termed "reliability improvement retrofit (modification)".

Another Air India Dreamliner had to be grounded in Hong Kong (HK) in July 2014 after the aircraft

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(VT-ANK) sprang an oil leak.

The Dreamliner boasts a state-of the-art in-flight entertainment system, flat-bed recline, reading lamps, large LCD screens and enhanced gaseous filtration system that mitigates dizziness and headaches inside the aircraft.

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