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Subject: Parallel Runway Approaches-CAUTION.

Recently an aircraft was cleared to land on Runway 19R at Kolkata but landed on Runway 19L (Parallel Runway), which was then closed for repairs. Fortunately there was no damage to the aircraft and airport equipment or injury to any person on board or outside.

According to Human Factors Studies this type of mistakes can happen due to fixation with perceived target and/or tunnel vision especially when there are parallel runways/taxiways or Runway with threshold close to each other. Another typical example is at IGI Airport where Runway 10 and 09 are close to each other and Taxiway 'P' is also parallel to Runway 28.

To avoid the above it is suggested that the Flight Crew should constantly revalidate and cross check the assumptions with proper concentration during the entire approach sequence.

All operators are advised to bring the above to the Notice of their flight crew with the advise that they should positively identify the correct runway and its orientation and cross check the same with Airborne Radio Aids/Instruments before making the final approach to land.

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