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Also known as the Chikkalthana Airport, Aurangabad Airport is a public airport located in the city of Aurangabad in Maharashtra. During the 1990s, the state government focused on developing tourism in this district.

As a component of the overall development, the airport was upgraded in various phases. During the first phase, the runway was extended and reinforced with a new taxiway, boundary wall construction, and other improvements completed in 2005. In the second phase, the new integrated terminal building and the technical complex was completed in 2008.

The airport was reopened in November 2008 and regular traffic operations at this airport commenced on March 3, 2009.

**Flight Information**

Aurangabad Airport is an important commercial hub and passengers can take advantage of direct and indirect flights to several cities in the country. Major airlines that offer scheduled flight services include Indian Airlines, Jet Airways, and Air India. Cities that are serviced from this airport include Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai, and Bengaluru.

The most popular sector with 28 weekly flights operates between Aurangabad and Mumbai. In addition, there are flights catering to Haj pilgrims that depart from the airport each year.

**Terminals**

The domestic and international terminal at the Aurangabad Airport has one boarding gate with 3 X-ray baggage scanning facilities. General services at the arrival terminal include a car rental facility, tourist information center, hotel booking, and in-flight sales product store. The departure has a newspaper stand, snack bar, and T R Stall.

The security hold area has a snack bar, newspaper stand, artificial jewelry store, and branded men’s and women’s wear shop. Facilities outside the terminal building include an ATM counter, entry ticket counter, florist shop, snack bar, and car parking.

**Traveling Around**

Aurangabad Airport is well connected to other locations and there are a number of convenient transport options available to travelers. In addition to city bus services there are also general taxi services and interstate bus services by private and state government operators. Travelers can also avail of prepaid taxi services, interstate car/taxi services, and car rental services by private service providers.

**Services and Facilities**

Several services and facilities are available at the airport for the convenience of passengers. Trolleys, wheelchairs, and assistance for seniors, physically challenged, and infirm travelers are available. Medical first aid, a childcare room, and lost and found baggage counters are additional facilities provided within the airport premises.

**Things to Do**

Travelers can satiate their hunger and bide their time by snacking at one of the restaurants, snack bars or eateries within the airport premises. Travelers who prefer to travel on a light stomach can spend their time shopping at the numerous duty-free stores for memorabilia, gifts, and souvenirs at reasonable prices.

**Hotels**

Affordable and budget hotels like OYO Rooms, Vijay Residency, Shree Maya, and the Manor Hotel are located in close proximity to the airport. High-end luxury stay options include Aurangabad Gymkhana Club, Lemon Tree, Ambassador Ajanta, Rama International, Keys Hotel The Aures, and Vivanta by Taj.

**Tips for Fliers**

There are metered auto rickshaws available in Aurangabad; however, some of these drivers charge exorbitant rates especially for tourists. Ensuring the auto fare will be based on the meter and the driver has an updated tariff card before boarding the same is advisable.

**Nearby Attractions**

Tourist destinations such as Ellora Caves, Kultabad, Panchakki, Paithan, Bibi ka Makbara, and Grishneshwar Temple are within 50 kilometers of the Aurangabad Airport. The famous Ajanta Caves are located at a distance of 130 kilometers and are well-connected by state buses as well as car or taxi services. When shopping in Aurangabad don’t forget that the city is known for Paithani sarees available in the local stores. Handicrafts, honey, and pure cotton stoles, and other clothing items can be purchased from the Khadi Gramodyog Bhandar.