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Located in the Kutch district of India, Bhuj Airport is 3 kilometers to the north of the city. The airport covers 832 acres of land and is at a distance of 48 kilometers from the Indo-Pakistan border.

During the 1971 war between India and Pakistan, this airport was raided 35 times in 14 days with 22 rockets and 92 bombs. It was rebuilt by 300 women from the local village of Madhapar, while the war still raged on. After being damaged in the 2001 earthquake, the Bhuj Airport was renovated at a cost of INR 400 million and the completed airport was dedicated to Lal Krishna Advani who was then the Deputy Prime Minister of India.

**Flight Information**

Regular flights between Bhuj and Mumbai are operated by Jet Airways. This is also the most popular route with 16 weekly flights operated by the airlines. In addition, there are scheduled flights operated by Jet Konnect, Air India, and Jet Lite to several destinations like Bangalore, Delhi, Dabolim, Rajkot, Bhopal, Kolkata, and Hyderabad.

**Terminals**

There is a single terminal at the Bhuj Airport with a total capacity of 200 each for arrivals and departures. The terminal covers an area of 6,682 square meters on the ground level and 1,382 square meters on the first level. There are 4 check-in counters and one security check for passengers at the terminal.

**Traveling Around**

The Bhuj Airport provides general taxi services for passengers to reach any destination of their choice. Most hotels also provide pick-up facilities from the airport for their guests. The bus stand is only 4 kilometers from the Bhuj Airport and state transport buses also ply from the airport. Private taxis and state buses also connect the airport with the railway station, which is at a distance of 3.4 kilometers.

**Services and Facilities**

Free trolleys, wheelchairs, a lost and found baggage counter, and assistance to elderly and physically challenged can be availed at the airport. The airport also has X-ray baggage scanning facilities.

**Things to Do**

Several shops selling magazines, newspapers, and medicines are present at the Bhuj Airport. A snack bar and other eating joints are also present within the airport premises to cater to the needs of travelers.

**Hotels**

Located just 6 kilometers from the airport is Divya Jyot Residency, which is an affordable stay option for travelers. The Shiv Hotel and Hotel Grand 3D, both about 4 kilometers from the airport, are other affordable stay options. Luxury hotels, such as City the Village, Regenta Resort, Hotel Seven Sky, and Hotel Prince Residency are also located at short distances from the airport and provide airport shuttle services.

**Tips for Fliers**

Tourists must travel by road to enjoy the Kutch district, which is dotted with random tiny salt pans. Hiring a guide can add to your enjoyment while preventing unnecessary expenses.

**Nearby Attractions**

Devastated by the earthquake, Bhuj has reemerged as a popular tourist destination with grand temples and palaces. Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Aina Mahal, Pragmahel Palace, The Sarad Baugh Palace, Kutch Museum and Wild Ass Sanctuary are popular places to visit.