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Also known as the Dehradun Airport, Jolly Grant Airport is located approximately 22 kilometers southeast of Dehradun in Uttarakhand. Operations at this airport commenced in March 2008 post expansion of the runway to accommodate larger planes. In February 2009, a new terminal was inaugurated.

Dehradun Airport was constructed in 1974 and Vayudoot operated services to Pantnagar and Lucknow during the period between 1982 and 1995. Air Deccan commenced flight services between New Delhi and Dehradun in December 2004. The airport is also in close proximity to Rishikesh (located about 20 kilometers) and Haridwar (at a distance of roughly 30 kilometers). Driving to these cities takes about 20 and 45 minutes, respectively.

**Flight Information**

Three airlines namely Jet Airways, Spicejet, and Indian Airlines operate scheduled flights from the Jolly Grant Airport. Flights are most frequently operated between New Delhi and Dehradun. A few flights are also scheduled between Dehradun and Mumbai, Trivandrum, and Bangalore.

Ventura AirConnect and Alliance Air run scheduled flights between Lucknow and Dehradun. Jet Konnect also offers services in the Dehradun – New Delhi sector.

**Terminals**

The domestic terminal at the Jolly Grant Airport is spread over 4,500 square meters with 8 check-ins and one security counter. The terminal has a capacity for 75 departures and arrivals each. The new terminal is a steel and glass structure with central air conditioning, CCTV surveillance, central heating, and a Flight Information Display System.

The passenger terminal is on two levels; ground level for arrivals and upper level for departures. The two levels are connected with a sky-bridge and passengers can easily walk to their airplanes.

**Traveling Around**

Passengers can use the inter-terminus bus service operated by the State Transport Department to move around. Additionally, city bus services are provided for passengers. Travelers may also choose to travel in the general taxi service or car rental service available at the airport. Passengers who want to travel to other states may opt for inter-state car or taxi services that are available.

**Services and Facilities**

The terminal at the Jolly Grant Airport provides hotel reservation, car rental, and Uttarakhand Tourism services. Travelers can also use trolleys and wheelchairs for the aged or infirmed at no charge. Additional facilities include a child care room, telephone security hold area, and a lost and found baggage counter.

A medical room is available at the airport if required. Services from the Himalayan Hospital located about one kilometer from the Jolly Grant Airport are available if the need arises.

**Things to Do**

While waiting for their flights, travelers can satisfy their hunger at some restaurants that are available in the air-side departure locations. In addition, the airport has an outgoing and incoming shop along the departure course for passengers who want to procure some memorabilia.

**Hotels**

Several hotels are located in close proximity to the Jolly Grant Airport. Three-star hotels like Naturoville Vedic Retreat, Pure Inn, OYO Premium Mukti Dham and Hill Top Swiss Cottage, among others, offer travelers plenty of choices.

For travelers seeking luxury accommodations, Ananda in The Himalayas, EllBee Ganga View, and Ganga Kinare are some of the available options.

**Tips for Fliers**

Tourists can walk around to explore the innumerable scenic spots around the city. Tongas, auto-rickshaws, and buses are also available. Unmetered fixed rate autos and private or tourist vehicles are also available, but travelers must negotiate the rates to ensure they do not end up paying too high an amount.

**Nearby Attractions**

Popular attractions include Sahastradhara, Laxman Siddh Temple, Malsi Deer Park, and the Clock Tower. Travelers can also visit Haridwar and Rishikesh, which are about 20 and 45 minutes’ drive respectively.

Shopping for woolen attire and gold and silver jewelry in areas like Astley Hall and Sahkari Bazaar is recommended. Exotic flower bulbs from Rajeshwari Nursery and milk rusks and stickjaws from Ellora’s Melting Moments are some other popular options.