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Kangra Airport or Dharamsala-Kangra Airport, also known as Gaggal Airport, is located in Gaggal, which is 14 kilometers to the southwest of Dharamshala. This airport is also a VFR airfield.

The total land area covered by this airport is approximately 126 acres and it is at an altitude of 2,492 feet.

**Flight Information**

Direct flights to Delhi are operated by Spice Jet and Air India and this is the most popular route with 7 weekly flights between Delhi and Dharamshala. Single stop flights are also operated to other cities, such as Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Amritsar, Dum Dum, and Vadodara.

**Terminals**

Currently, Kangra Airport has only one terminal with a boarding gate for arrival and departure flights. The total capacity of the terminal is 50 each for departures and arrivals.

**Traveling Around**

Buses and taxis are easily available for travelers to reach the main city of Dharamshala.

**Services and Facilities**

Travelers can use free trolleys that are available for the transportation of luggage at the airport. Additionally, X-ray baggage screening is provided for the security of travelers. Assistance to physically challenged and senior travelers is also provided at the airport.

**Things to Do**

Travelers can keep themselves busy while waiting for their flights at Kangra Airport with some last minute shopping as there are a number of shops within the airport premises. Travelers can also enjoy a quick bite and some refreshing beverages from the snack bars that are also located in the premises.

**Hotels**

Dharamshala provides its visitors with several accommodation options that will suit the budget of every traveler. The Villa Paradiso, Varada Home Stay, The Grand Raj, The Sojourn, and Club Mahindra Resort are a few options that are in close proximity to the airport. Other options include The Horizon Villa South, Hotel Imperial, Backpackers Inn, Sahiwa, Holiday Hill, and Best Western Indraprastha Resort and Spa.

Travelers on a shoestring budget may need to find accommodation a little further away from the airport and if you plan to spend most of your time outdoors you could even check in to a lodge or hostel to sleep at night. This is not advisable if you’re travelling with your family.

**Tips for Fliers**

* It is advisable to carry light woolen garments like shawls and jackets, even if not traveling in winter as the evenings and nights tend to be chilly.

**Nearby Attractions**

Popular tourist attractions around Dharamshala include McLeod Ganj, with several Tibetan settlements mushrooming here. This location also hosts the headquarters of the exiled Tibetan government, headed by the Dalai Lama. Other places of interest include Bhagsunag Fall, which is a freshwater spring with slate quarries and an old temple, St. John’s Church, which is located in the forest between Forsyth Ganj and McLeod Ganj, and the famous Dal Lake, which lies in the midst of a cluster of deodar trees and rolling hills. This is also a starting point for trekking and excursions. Other places of attraction include Dharamkot, Triund, War Memorial, Kareri, and Naddi.

The prime shopping destination in Dharamshala is the Kotwali Bazaar. Tibetan rugs and carpets, Tibetan handicrafts like bags, Chubas, and hats are extremely popular among visiting tourists. McLeod Ganj offers a wide variety of handicrafts, such as carpets, jewelry, woolens, Thangkas, and metal ware.