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Veer Savarkar International Airport, also known as Port Blair Airport, is a customs airport approximately 2 kilometers south of the city. It is the primary airport that connects the Andaman and Nicobar Islands to the remainder of the country. This airport operates as a civil enclave and shares airside facilities with INS Utkrosh of the Navy.

Named after the renowned freedom fighter, the Veer Savarkar International Airport also serves private jets, as tourism is the most important industry on these islands. A new building is currently being developed and expected to be commissioned in March 2018.

**Flight Information**

Most of the major airlines have regular flights connecting Port Blair with other Indian cities. South Indian cities, such as Chennai, Vishakapatnam, and Cochin are connected with regular flights to and from the Veer Savarkar International Airport. Airlines servicing Port Blair include GoAir, Jet Airways, Air India, and Spice Jet. The airport also connects this union territory to other Indian cities like Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi, and Madurai.

There are no direct international flights from the Veer Savarkar International Airport. Travelers can fly via Mumbai, Delhi, or other cities to international destinations like London, Paris, Zurich, Singapore, and Frankfurt.

**Terminals**

There is only one terminal at the Veer Savarkar International Airport. This terminal has 2 gates with a maximum capacity of 400 for departures.

**Traveling Around**

The Veer Savarkar International Airport offers car rental and general taxi services for the passengers. Currently, there is a provision for prepaid taxi services that are expected to commence in the near future. The bus stand is located just 2 kilometers from the airport, and allows travelers to get to any location they desire conveniently.

**Services and Facilities**

Passengers can avail free trolleys to transport their luggage to the check-in counters. First-aid medical facilities are available at the airport and seniors or disabled passengers can avail of free wheelchair services along with assistance. The terminal, which covers 6,100 square meters, provides fliers with facilities like a lost and found baggage counter along with 9 check-ins, 12 immigration, 2 customs, and 2 security counters.

**Things to Do**

Passengers can enjoy sumptuous local and international delicacies at the various eateries within the airport. They can also shop for local arts and handicrafts in the shops within the terminal. Many of the stores that offer retail items are duty-free with a number of such shops found just outside the airport.

**Hotels**

Passengers can stay at any of the numerous hotels that are located in close proximity to the airport. Some of the available options include Fortune Resort Bay Island, Hotel Sentinel, Anugama Resort, Peerless Sarovar Portico, Sea Princess Beach Resort, and Sinclairs Bayview.

**Tips for Fliers**

* Port Blair enjoys tropical monsoon weather with almost no variation in the average temperature. There is constant rainfall almost through the year and travelers are advised to pack accordingly.

**Nearby Attractions**

Travelers can visit the National Memorial Cellular Jail located about 4 kilometers from Veer Savarkar International Airport. Other popular destinations include the Havelock (54 kilometers) and M. G. Marine National Park (30 kilometers). Shopaholics can visit Market #3, the Sagarika Government Emporium, Aberdeen Bazar, and Government Emporia to find anything from everyday household wares to more exquisite items.