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The Rajahmundry Airport lies in Madhurapudi, which is located 18 kilometers north of Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh. This airport was constructed during the British era and is spread across 366 acres. Between 1985 and 1994, it was served by Vayudoot and by VIF Airways in 1995.

Modernization of the Rajahmundry Airport was completed in 2011 at an expense of INR 38 crores. New renovated airport commenced operations in May 2012. Further plans to extend the runway are underway, with the government sanctioning INR 80 crores for the same.

**Flight Information**

Major airlines like Spice Jet and Jet Airways operate flights from the Rajahmundry Airport. Charter flights from Pawan Hans, GVHL, Heligo, and Reliance are also available at this airport. The airstrip is also extensively used by ONGC helicopters for offshore oil exploration operations.

Flights are available to Hyderabad and Bangalore, which are the most popular routes, with 41 and 14 weekly flights to each destination respectively. Other cities between which flights are operated include Mumbai, Delhi, Vijayawada, Vishakhapatnam, and Tirupati.

**Terminals**

There is only one domestic terminal at the Rajahmundry Airport, with 3 boarding gates. The total capacity of the terminal is 75 each for departures and arrivals. Spread over 3,900 square meters, there are 6 check-in and security counters.

**Traveling Around**

Travelers can avail of car rental services from the airport to get to their final destinations. Additionally, interstate bus services are available outside the side main gate of the airport.

**Services and Facilities**

Baggage scanning services are available at the Rajahmundry Airport. Free trolleys for transporting baggage are also available at the airport. Wheelchairs, a childcare room, and first aid medical care for passengers are also provided at the airport. Police assistance and a lost and found baggage counter are other facilities that can be availed of at the Rajahmundry Airport.

**Things to Do**

Travelers who arrive in the city without prior hotel bookings can choose to make use of the hotel reservation counter that is available at the arrival lounge. The departure lounge hosts a snack bar that ensures passengers can fill up on a variety of foods and beverages while awaiting their flights.

**Hotels**

Stay options, such as Hotel Jagadeeshwari, River Bay Resort, and Sai Krishna River View are located within 2 kilometers of the airport. Bed and breakfast accommodations in close proximity to the airport include Hotel Shelton Rajamahendri, Sesha Residency, Rathna Palace, Nirmala Grand, and R K Residency.

Travelers who don’t mind putting up a little further away can choose between options such as La Hospin Hotel, Chitturi Heritage, Halycon Times Karnataka, and Jaya Residency, which are about an hour’s drive from the airport.

**Tips for Fliers**

* When in Rajahmundry, do not forget to drink the Rose Milk, which is available in several varieties. For travelers with a sweet tooth, the local paper sweets known as Poothareulu are a must.

**Nearby Attractions**

With its picturesque location on the left bank of the River Godavari, Rajahmundry is full of winding roads, green paddy fields, and coconut trees. Tourist attractions include the Godavari Bridge, Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Temple, Markandeya Temple, and the Rallabandi Subbarao Government Museum. The local markets like Raithu Market, SVG Market, and Qwari Market Center are also popular for regional items that are sold at reasonable prices.