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Classified as the 27th busiest airport in India, the Birsa Munda Airport is located in the Hinoo locality roughly 7 kilometers away from the city of Ranchi, Jharkhand. As air traffic has increased in the country, this airport has also witnessed unprecedented growth, especially in the last 3 years.

The Ranchi Airport was inaugurated in 1995 and it has given a considerable boost to tourism in the state. Eastern regions of Jharkhand are popular because of the scenic beauty and vast green cover.

**Flight Information**

Several budget airlines provide services from different cities in India to Ranchi. Some of the airlines that run scheduled flights to and from the Birsa Munda Airport include Jet Airways, Air India, Indigo, and GoAir. The airport is well connected with flights operating to various major cities across the country such as Mumbai, Delhi, Patna, Kolkata, and Bangalore.

The most popular sectors with 28 and 14 weekly flights are Ranchi to Kolkata and Ranchi to New Delhi, respectively.

Haj pilgrims from Jharkhand and Bihar can travel to Jeddah from the Ranchi Airport.

**Terminals**

The Birsa Munda Airport has a single terminal with a capacity of 125 for arrivals and departures. This new modern and larger terminal was inaugurated on March 25, 2013, in the presence of Civil Aviation Minister Mr. Ajit Singh.

**Traveling Around**

The Ranchi Airport operator provides regular bus services to Bokaro, Jamshedpur. Travelers can avail auto-rickshaws, rental cars, and or cycle rickshaws for local travel. Like other North Indian cities, Ranchi also provides shared autos along certain fixed routes.

This airport is roughly 6 kilometers from the Ranchi Railway Station and travelers can continue exploring other cities in the country using the Indian Railway’s extensive network.

**Services and Facilities**

Although small, Birsa Munda Airport is among the fastest growing airports in its category. Free baggage services for easily transporting luggage are available for passengers and the airport is also equipped with multiple check-in and security counters, along with X-ray scanners for the safety and convenience of passengers.

**Things to Do**

There are many eating joints providing famished travelers with a variety of delicacies while they await their flights. In addition, there are duty-free shops within the Ranchi Airport to pick up souvenirs on your way out.

**Hotels**

Passengers should have little difficulty finding suitable accommodation in the city as there are plenty of hotels to choose from. Some of these that are in close proximity to the Birsa Munda Airport include Hotel Green Acres, Hotel Le Lac, Hotel Shivani International, Capitol Hill, The Raso, and the Radisson Blu Hotel.

**Tips for Fliers**

Summer afternoons can get extremely hot, but the evenings and nights are cool and pleasant giving travelers the perfect weather for maximum enjoyment. Although English is not spoken widely, it is well-understood at most tourist destinations and people are helpful to travelers.

**Nearby Attractions**

Some of the nearby tourist attractions include the Birsa Zoological Park, Deer Park, Rock Garden, the Hundru Falls, Jagannathpur Temple, and Dassam Falls. Several shops provide local handicrafts, such as furnishings and cotton fabrics.