Media Note

Medical Emergency Sees Thiruvananthapuram Bound Flight diverted To Mangaluru International Airport

- Airport Responds Swiftly to Assist the Passenger
- Shifts Passenger to Hospital for further Treatment

Mangaluru, Karnataka, 02 December 2025: Mangaluru International Airport (MIA) late on 1 December 2025, swiftly responded to a medical emergency on board an Air India Express flight IX 522 bound for Thiruvananthapuram from Riyadh. The flight was diverted to Mangaluru Airport after a passenger in his late 30s experienced medical complications on board.

The Airport's Operations Control Centre received an alert regarding the passenger experiencing health complications. Acting promptly, the airport activated its emergency response protocol, mobilising its medical team and coordinating with stakeholders including CISF, immigration, customs, and the ground handling agency.

Upon landing, the airport's medical personnel immediately attended to the passenger, assessed his condition and transferred him to a local tertiary-care hospital for further treatment. The passenger's relatives accompanied him. The passenger also received necessary medical care on board, which helped tide over the emergent situation.

The flight later departed to Thiruvananthapuram at 2.05am on 2 December 2025.

The seamless coordination between the airline, airport staff, and emergency responders resulted in efficient handling of the situation and the passenger receiving timely medical care. MIA remains committed to prioritising passenger safety and well-being, and this incident underscores the airport's readiness to handle unforeseen emergencies with professionalism and care.

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About Mangaluru International Airport Limited (MgIAL)
Mangaluru International Airport Limited (MgIAL) is a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL), the flagship of the globally diversified Adani Group, and the largest private operator of seven functional airports in India through Adani Airport Holdings Limited (AAHL). AAHL holds a 49 per cent stake, while AEL, the parent company, holds the majority 51 per cent stake in MgIAL. MgIAL operates and is modernising Mangaluru International Airport (IXE), a major aviation hub in Mangaluru, Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka.

Mangaluru International Airport, Mangaluru (IATA: IXE ICAO: VOML)
Mangaluru International Airport, with a rich history of over 70 years, is spread over 583.77 acres and holds the distinction of being Karnataka's second busiest airport in terms of passenger traffic, having managed 2.32 million passengers in FY 2024–25. The airport, which is the first in Karnataka to have two runways, including one made of rigid pavement and overlaid with asphalt, currently caters to over 55 air traffic movements (ATMs) every day.

With a digital-first approach, the airport delivers a smooth experience for passengers through advanced technology and efficient operations. As an emerging cargo hub, IXE manages air cargo of over 5,600 metric tonnes per annum.

In July 2025, Airports Council International (ACI) awarded IXE Level 4 accreditation for customer experience. The accreditation

recognises the airport's advanced practices in service design and innovation, governance, and customer understanding. Mangaluru International Airport was the first Indian airport in the 5 million passenger category to achieve the Level 3 milestone.