

Media Note

IndiGo Launches Daily Flight Between Mangaluru and Navi Mumbai on Christmas Day

Editor's Synopsis

- IndiGo launches daily direct service between Mangaluru and Navi Mumbai on December 25.
- Mangaluru becomes among the first airports to connect with NMIA at the start of operations.
- Reinforces the Adani Group and AAHL's execution of large-scale aviation infrastructure on schedule.

Mangaluru, Karnataka, December 25, 2025: IndiGo on Thursday launched a daily direct flight between Mangaluru and Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), marking the commencement of commercial connectivity to India's newest greenfield airport on Christmas Day.

With this launch, Mangaluru International Airport (MIA) joins a select group of airports across the country to be connected to NMIA from the first day of operations, as Navi Mumbai emerges as the second airport serving the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR).

The inaugural flight, IndiGo 6E 865 from Navi Mumbai, arrived in Mangaluru with a full complement of 187 passengers, while the return service, flight 6E 866, departed with 186 passengers—reflecting strong demand from Day One.

MIA marked the occasion with a lamp-lighting and cake-cutting ceremony. A family travelling on the inaugural flight from Mangaluru to Navi Mumbai participated in the celebrations, lending a warm and personal touch to the milestone.

With the addition of Navi Mumbai, the Mangaluru–MMR sector now offers travellers five daily flight options—four operated by IndiGo and one by Air India Express—enhancing choice, flexibility and convenience for both business and leisure passengers.

Route	Departure	Arrival	Frequency
NMI-IXE 6E 865	10:40	12:10	Daily
IXE-NMI 6E 866	16:05	17:45	Mon, Thu
IXE-NMI 6E 866	12:40	14:20	Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun

The new route strengthens connectivity between coastal Karnataka and the Mumbai region, while adding Navi Mumbai as Mangaluru's seventh domestic destination. The airport currently offers services to Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Thiruvananthapuram.

NMIA is developed and operated by Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL).

The timely launch of airline operations from multiple cities reflects the Group's capability to deliver and operationalise large-scale aviation infrastructure projects with speed, coordination and execution discipline.

As NMIA steadily expands its domestic network, new routes such as Mangaluru–Navi Mumbai are expected to play a key role in easing congestion at Mumbai's primary airport and supporting the region's long-term aviation growth.

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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 50 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.