

Media Note**Mangaluru International Airport Marks 55th National Safety Month with Multi-Stakeholder Safety Programme****Editor's Synopsis**

- 'Fashion show' demonstrates correct use of personal protective equipment.
- Street play highlights safe motor vehicle practices.
- Practical training toolkit provided to strengthen stakeholder skills.

Mangaluru, Karnataka | 04 March 2026: Mangaluru International Airport (MIA) observed the 55th National Safety Month with a multi-stakeholder safety awareness programme involving agencies operating across the airport ecosystem. The initiative reaffirmed the airport's commitment to strengthening safety practices across all operational areas.

The programme began with Chief Airport Officer (CAO), MIA, Mr Binu Varghese, unfurling the National Safety Council flag, symbolising a shared commitment to workplace safety, health and wellbeing. Representatives from stakeholder organisations emphasised the importance of collective responsibility, proactive risk management and continuous learning in sustaining a resilient safety culture within the aviation ecosystem.

To communicate safety messages in an engaging format, a *nukkad natak* (street play) was staged for participants. The performance focused on responsible motor vehicle use and road safety, using relatable scenarios to reinforce vigilance and adherence to safe practices in day-to-day operations.

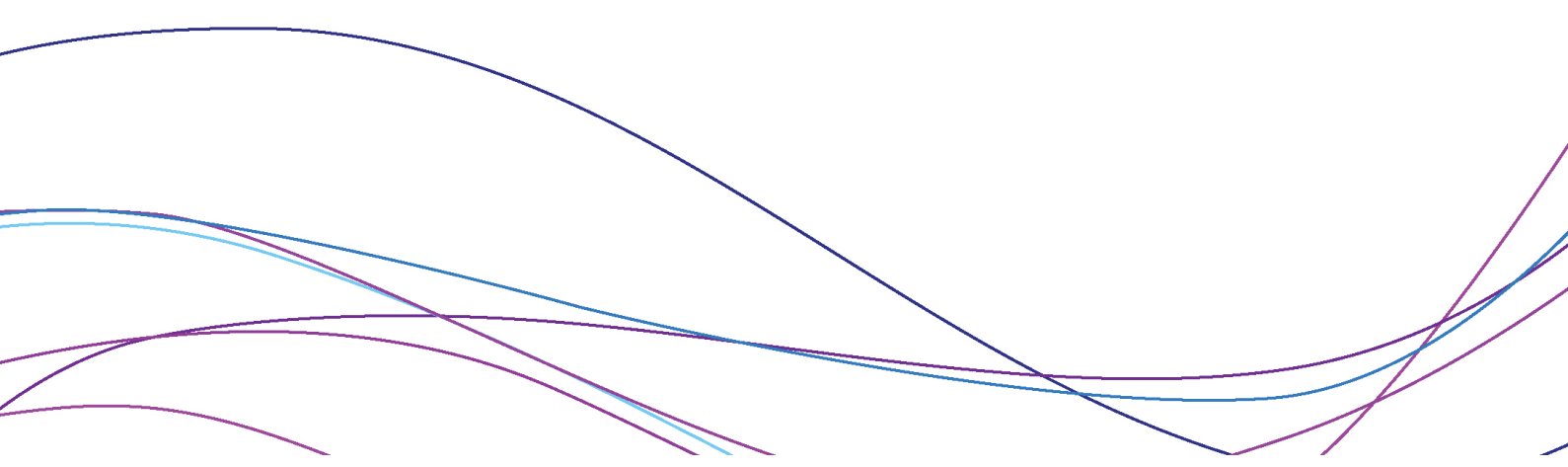
An innovative highlight of the programme was a safety-themed fashion show presented by strategic partners, demonstrating the correct use of personal protective equipment (PPE) across various operational roles. The presentation highlighted the critical role of PPE in protecting personnel and ensuring safe workplace practices.

The event also featured a safety-themed musical performance that reinforced key awareness messages and encouraged active participation from attendees.

As part of the observance, employees from various stakeholder agencies who consistently demonstrated strong adherence to safety protocols were recognised through a rewards and recognition segment. Winners of competitions conducted during the safety month were also felicitated.

Participants witnessed a blindfolded demonstration of donning a firefighter's safety kit, showcasing preparedness and the importance of skill-based training. In addition, the airport handed over a practical training toolkit to a stakeholder agency to support hands-on learning in electrical repair skills.

Through the observance of the 55th National Safety Month, MIA reaffirmed its commitment to promoting safety awareness, strengthening capabilities and encouraging every stakeholder to contribute to a secure and responsible operational environment.

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Mangaluru International Airport, Mangaluru (IATA: IXE ICAO: VOML)

Mangaluru International Airport, with a rich history of 75 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.

