

MEDIA ADVISORY

Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru announces new schedules during Aero India Show and Runway upgradation work

Bengaluru, January 23rd, 2017:

Aero India - 2017, the event recognized globally as a premier aerospace exhibition will be held in Bengaluru from February 12th – 18th, 2017. As Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) did in the previous years of operation, this year as well the BLR Airport will support the prestigious event's requirement for showcasing the latest in the field of military and civil aircraft and technologies at the Air Force Station adjacent to the airport at Yelahanka in Bengaluru. **The runway will be closed partially for rehearsals from February 8th – February 11th, 2017 and subsequently for the show days from February 12th – February 18th, 2017.**

Airlines with scheduled aircraft operations that will be impacted during this period have received communication on the reduced operating hours. Passenger convenience will be ensured with the respective airlines sharing timely communication on the change in airport operations and the cancelled/revised flight timings during the length of the 2017 Aero India show.

Additionally, the runway will be closed partially from **February 19th – April 30th, 2017 for runway upgradation work**. The upgradation work will be carried out in a phased manner in certain parts, involving closure of the runway, and in other parts, partial closure of facilities without any impact on airport operations. These works have been necessitated in order to support the growing air traffic at the Bengaluru Airport. The closure will be applicable between 10.30 am to 5.00 pm IST. The closure of the runway for the upgradation work has been planned and aligned to commence along with Aero India 2017.

BIAL has also taken proactive efforts to ensure that any discomfort caused as a result of this closure remains minimal. All airlines were informed before the schedule was finalized for the season in order to avoid last minute flight cancellations.

In close coordination with the Air Traffic Control, all efforts are also in place to enhance the flight handling capacity in the hours preceding and following the closure each day during this period, so as to allow airlines optimum usage of the available time. Ancillary support by airport taxi and bus service providers will be aligned to accommodate the increase in anticipated traffic on main airport road for passengers flying out of BLR Airport during this period.

All changes to flight schedule will be made available on the website www.bengaluruairport.com, on the Twitter Handle [@BLRAirport](https://twitter.com/BLRAirport) and the [BLR Airport App](#) for passenger reference.

NOTE: A recent WhatsApp message stated the reporting time at the airport was 4 hours in advance during the runway closure period. Please note, no advisory was issued by BIAL on this. Passengers are requested to follow standard reporting time at the airport.

DATES OF RUNWAY CLOSURE:

DATE	TIMINGS IN IST (LOCAL TIME) FOR AIRSPACE CLOSURE	PURPOSE	IMPACT
February 8 th – 11 th , 2017	1330 - 1630 hours	Rehearsals	No Aircraft Operations during this period from/to BLR Airport
February 12 th – 18 th , 2017	1000 – 1200 hours 1400 - 1700 hours	Conduct of Aero India 2017	No Aircraft Operations during this period from/to BLR Airport
February 19 th – 30 th April, 2017	1030 – 1700 hours	Runway upgradation	No Aircraft Operations during this period from/to BLR Airport

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