

PASSENGER TRAFFIC PICKS UP PACE AHEAD OF FESTIVE SEASON; WITNESSED OVER 15 LAKH TRAVELLERS AT CSMIA

Mumbai, September 06, 2021: With the festive season just around the corner and with countries across the globe easing down travel restrictions, August witnessed a surge in number of passengers travelling through Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International airport (CSMIA). Over 1.5 million passengers have flown in and out of CSMIA in the month of August, in comparison to 4 lakh passenger who travelled in August 2020. Working tirelessly through the pandemic, the airport has been constantly striving to provide uninterrupted connectivity to travellers while creating a haven for its passengers and personnel.

Amid festive season, CSMIA played host to a total of approximately 15,87,150 passengers with flights across domestic and international destinations in the month of August. In this month, the airport has catered to approx. 14,02,369 domestic passengers and 1,84,787 flew international locations. About 7,85,479 passengers arrived at CSMIA in the month of August, while 8,01,677 passengers departed from CSMIA to various domestic and international destinations. CSMIA registered Delhi, Bangalore and Goa emerging as the most travelled domestic destinations from CSMIA with 2,42,085, 1,11,026 and 95,089 passengers respectively. While Doha emerged as the top international destination with approximately 41,410 passengers to and from CSMIA. This was followed by Dubai and Male with 37,126 and 18,190 passengers respectively, travelling internationally from Mumbai. Indigo, Air India and Vistara carried the highest number of passengers on domestic routes while Qatar Airways, Indigo and Air India catered to the majority of passengers internationally.

With festivals like Raksha Bandhan, Janmashtami and Onam falling during the weekend in August, CSMIA witnessed an upward trend of passengers travelling over the weekend. CSMIA registered Goa emerging as the highest travelled destinations with 22,078 passengers which was followed by Srinagar, Jammu and Leh during the weekend of August 2021. Moreover, an upward trend in the number of passengers travelling for leisure locally and internationally is expected in the coming months, with lot of festivals and holiday season coming up.

With easing down of restrictions, there has been an increase in passenger traffic, and thus, a majority of Indian states and international countries require a negative RT-PCR certificate. To make one's travel hassle-free, CSMIA has established over multiple counters of testing facilities at Terminal 2 for international and domestic passengers. Since its launch in September 2020, CSMIA has added new facilities and explored various avenues to accommodate and reduce dwell time for passengers awaiting the reports. For passengers wanting a quicker result, CSMIA also has a facility for an express test that provides prompt & accurate diagnosis in 13 minutes. Moreover, CSMIA has taken a step further towards passenger safety by allowing Mylab Discovery Solutions a space to set up the RT-PCR testing counter and to facilitate the processing of the sample for a quick turnaround. The additional facility has been introduced for convenience and offering a speedy report to the arriving passengers. The RT-PCR test facility at CSMIA for both arriving and departing passengers is a boon for traveller concerns regarding the various quarantine regulations across borders.

Since the advent of the pandemic, CSMIA had implemented numerous SOPs, including the preventive measures laid down by health and government bodies to safeguard the wellbeing of the passengers and airport personnel. Additionally, with the nationwide vaccination drives, number of vaccinated passengers are increasing, thus, leading to the growth in demand for air travel. The airport is continuously working towards its passengers' wellbeing and safety and ensuring it assists them with high-quality standards and a world-class travel experience. CSMIA continually strives to provide the best services and facilities to its passengers to ensure a seamless and memorable experience of their journey.

About Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL):

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With a strong understanding of modern-day mobility requirements, the Adani Group's vision for MIAL is to reinvent Mumbai International Airport as India's biggest aerotropolis, where the traditional airport nucleus of passenger and cargo infrastructure will be reinforced by interdependent clusters of commercial and residential infrastructure to create the nation's busiest airport ecosystem.

MIAL has been further envisioned as a global air-travel focal point where domestic and international flyers actively engage in business and leisure supported by metropolitan expansion that catalyses aviation-linked businesses and employment opportunities. At MIAL, we intend to create distinctiveness with an experiential offering that puts Mumbai first.