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MIA dedicates new barrack accommodation for augmented CISF force

Mangaluru: Mangaluru International Airport has dedicated a new barrack accommodation for airport security group (ASG) personnel of CISF at Nandabettu in Kolambe village on July 26. The new accommodation, necessitated by an order of the ministry of home affairs to increase the ASG personnel strength at the airport, will house 98 ASG personnel. The other barrack accommodation for ASG personnel is at Mura, near the old airport in Bajpe.

Mr Sethuraman Ponnien Selvan, Deputy Inspector-General (APSZ), HQ Chennai who inaugurated the new facility along with the leadership team of the airport, lauded the airport management for their commitment to the personnel of this central armed police force (CAPF). As per the ministry's order, the strength of ASG personnel at the airport has been increased to 403, up from the earlier 254 personnel across ranks.

The creation of 149 additional posts will help this CAPF tasked with security of vital industrial units, major airports included, render its duties, effectively and professionally. In line with this order, the ministry has also upgraded the post of chief airport security officer (CASO) to the level of a senior commandant. Mr Virendra Mohan Joshi, senior commandant accordingly has taken charge of the upgraded post.

"The CISF will facilitate seamless movement of passengers while not losing sight of its primary duty, that of security," he said. CISF will be polite yet firm in discharging its duties and follow the ethics and honesty it is known for, Mr Joshi said while lauding the airport management for the vision shown by it in being proactive to their needs. "The management has always been proactive in meeting our needs," Mr Joshi said.

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