

# MANGALURU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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## **Mangaluru International Airport further bolsters security capabilities of ASG**

Mangaluru: Continuing its endeavor of giving utmost priority to security, Mangaluru International Airport on September 1 handed over additional equipment to the airport security group (ASG) of CISF. The equipment will further boost the capability of this central armed police force, tasked with guarding this vital national installation, to deal with any security related challenges that the airport may face going forward in an effective and professional manner.

The equipment handed over to ASG include multipurpose belts, thigh pistol holster, ballistic goggles, handheld metal detectors and their chargers, laser grip for pistols and customized pouches for spare magazine. The airport also provided tyre-killers to the ASG. This critical piece of equipment will help ASG personnel disable vehicles that attempt to enter the critical operational area of the airport without proper authorization, the airport spokesperson said.

Mr. Virendra Kumar Joshi, senior commandant and Chief Airport Security Officer thanked the airport operator for being pro-active in meeting the equipment requirements of the ASG as specified by the civil aviation security regulator. "The rapport between the airport security team and the ASG will ensure that the security at the airport is handled effectively," Mr Joshi said, while reiterating the commitment of the force to remain professional, yet people friendly.

The equipment handed to the ASG is continuation of a process that airport operator has initiated since taking over operation and maintenance of the facility in October 2020. The ASG now has state of the art equipment, and this includes a bullet resistant vehicle, good accommodation facility for its personnel in the form of additional barrack. This is also in line with the stated vision of the airport to be a safe, secure, customer centric and eco-friendly organization.

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