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# Union Govt approves renaming of Bengaluru Int'l Airport as "Kempegowda Int'l Airport"

he Union Cabinet has given its approval for renaming Bengaluru International Airport (BIA) as 'Kempegowda International Airport' to fulfill the long pending demand of the people of Karnataka, as well as the State Government of Karnataka.

BIA is the fifth busiest airport in the country, built over an area of 4,000 acres. The Greenfield Airport became operational in 2008 and is operated by Bengaluru International Airport Pvt. Limited (BIAL) in which KSSIDC (an entity of the Government of Karnataka), the Airports

Authority of India, GVK Group, Siemens and Zurich Airport are shareholders.

Just in case you're wondering about the name, Hiriya Kempegowda, known as Kempegowda was a ruler under the Vijayanagar Empire, who ruled most parts of Karnataka during the sixteenth century. He had the vision of building a large futuristic city and is widely accepted as being the founder of Bengaluru. Kempegowda built Bengaluru Fort and moved his capital from Yelahanka to the new Bengaluru.

#### Supreme Aviation Inc awarded 'Best Indian company in USA' in 'Service Provider' & 'SME' categories

midst tough competition and nominations of thousands of Indianowned companies operating in USA, Texasbased Supreme Aviation was awarded the 'Best Indian Company in USA' in two categories – Best Small and Medium Enterprise and Best Service Provider at the Corporate Excellence Awards hosted by Indo American Chambers of Commerce in Mumbai.

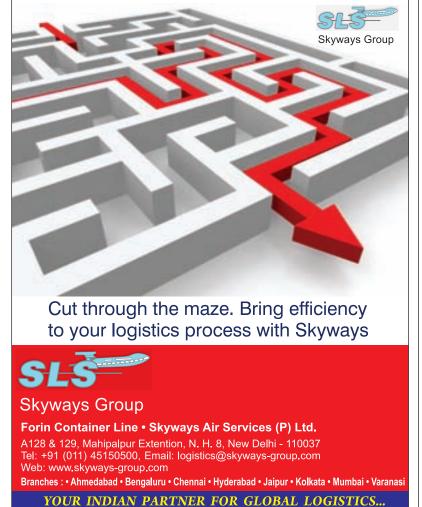
Founder Ammeet Agarwal was presented both the awards by Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Prithviraj Chavan.

Supreme Aviation located in Dallas, Texas state of USA provides a host of aviation services which includes air tours over the city, pilot training to international candidates and others.

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Ammeet Agarwal receives the award from Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Prithviraj Chavan







# Karnataka to bring out Minor Airport Policy to utilise idle airport infrastructure

Karnataka is drafting a new minor airport policy which will be ready later this year. The policy will help in utilising the existing idle airport infrastructure in the state. The state is keen to finalise a private airline operator for regional operation on select routes and is willing to extend concessions to facilitate commercial viability.

The government has budgeted Rs 551 crore to promote connectivity in the State. As part of this, Shimoga and Gulbarga airports have been identified for development in a public private partnership (PPP) mode and are expected to be operational during the financial year. The State is

expecting support by way of additional capital investment of Rs 150 crore from the Airports Authority of India for Hubli and Belgaum airports.

A joint venture company would be formed between GAIL and KSIIDC to undertake the distribution of clean natural fuel for transport, domestic and other sectors in various cities in the state. The government has also proposed to develop a logistics parks in a PPP mode at suitable locations in Karnataka that will help in reducing the logistics and efficient storage system, reduction of wastage and quick supply to various regions.

#### CBEC notifies Tiruchi for courier imports and exports

The Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) has notified Tiruchi airport for international courier imports and exports. Pending the notification, international courier shipments to and from Tiruchi were routed via

other airports such as Chennai and Bangalore.

As a result of the notification courier shipments can now be cleared faster than general cargo. The move will help increase the cargo volumes for the airport as well as

provide a much needed shot in the arm to courier operators in the region.

According to industry sources, Tiruchi airport is now expected to see a daily throughput two to three tonnes of courier shipments.

### Supreme Aviation Inc awarded 'Best Indian company in USA' in 'service provider' & 'SME' categories

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"Ammeet Agarwal who set up Supreme Aviation in 2006 Supreme Aviation has truly embossed brand India in thousands of the hearts of American and other globe trotters. With flags of India and "Jai Shree

Ram" stickers on all airplanes operated by Supreme Aviation in America, both awards stand true recognition towards Ammeet Agarwal's entrepreneurship in America and India," said Nimesh Kampani, Managing Director of JM Financial Ltd, a Jury member.

