# Biju Patnaik Airport

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**Biju Patnaik Airport** (IATA: **BBI**, ICAO: **VEBS**), also known as **Bhubaneswar Airport**, is situated in the city of Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India. It is currently the only major airport in Orissa. It is named after the former Chief Minister of Orissa Biju Patnaik, who was also a famed aviator and freedom fighter.

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## Planned international airport

In keeping with the rapid pace of industrialization taking place in Orissa, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has recently announced a plan for the construction of a new integrated international airport complex at Bhubaneswar by 2010. AAI will invest over US \$50 million (Rs. 2.5 billion)<sup>[1]</sup>.

The state government of Orissa has provided 70 acres (280,000 m<sup>2</sup>) for the expansion of the runway to 10,500 ft (3,200 m), to handle Boeing 747 aircraft. The runway extension is expected to be commissioned in September 2006. The new terminal building will

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**Summary** 

**Airport type** Public

**Operator** Airports Authority of India

**Serves** Bhubaneswar

Elevation AMSL 138 ft / 42 m

**Coordinates** 20°14′40″N 085°49′04″E

Runways

Direction	Length		Surface
	ft	m	
05/23	4,524	1,379	Bituminous tar/Asphalt
14/32	7,359	2,243	Bituminous tar/Asphalt

follow a modular design, with glass glazing, aerobridges with glass walls, and an inline baggage x-ray. The expansion also includes building a parallel taxi track for the airport and enhancing cargo handling facilities that could handle up to 30 aircraft per hour. A commercial complex for multiplex, shopping complex, hotel and other commercial establishments under the public-private partnership (PPP) near the airport, to support 500 passengers at a time.

## **Airlines and destinations**

Airlines M	Destinations		
Indian	Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Mumbai		
IndiGo	Bangalore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai		
Jet Airways	Bangalore [begins 1 March], <sup>[2]</sup> Delhi [begins 27 March], <sup>[2]</sup> Hyderabad, Kolkata, Raipur		
Kingfisher Airlines	Bangalore, Bagdogra, Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai		

### References

1. ^ AAI to invest Rs 250 cr in Bhubaneswar airport, 22-Jul-2006 (http://www.rediff.com/money/2006/jul/22airport.htm)

2. ^ a b Jet Airways begins flights to Bangalore and Delhi from Bhubaneshwar (http://www.jetairways.com/NL/EU/PressReleases/BhubaneshwarandRaipur.aspx)

#### **External links**

- Biju Patnaik Airport at (http://aai.aero/allAirports/bhubaneshwar\_generalinfo.jsp) Airports Authority of India web site
- Airport information for VEBS (http://worldaerodata.com/wad.cgi?airport=VEBS) at World Aero Data. Data current as of October 2006.

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