

Foolproof security at LGBI Airport



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With barely two weeks to embrace 62nd independence day, this correspondent today visited the Lokpriya Gopinath International Airport in order to take note of security system in the airport in the wake of the Independence Day. Security in the airport has been beefed up and no persons are allowed to enter the airport with hand bags other than passengers. While the passenger is also cautioned and checked at the entrance point Even this correspondent was refused at the entrance for possessing a hand bag and a camera for which he was detained for more than 15 mints. After making several requests to the on duty Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel, he was allowed to enter the

waiting lobby but strictly warned against shooting inside or outside for best reasons known to them but when enquired they replied for security reasons. Security system in the airport is reported to be satisfactory though passengers may be facing a little harassment due to crowded security points and at the entrance. Additional CISF jawans have been deployed in various places in the airport area to monitor the movements of the people.

A US resident speaking to this correspondent said that they had a tough time undergoing so many security checks in the airport. Not only in Guwahati security has been a major concern for almost all the International airports of India after the serial blast in the IT hub city.

Recently in Surat several bombs were recovered from public places and diffused. The incident has questioned the sincerity of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), told a Bangalore bound student while his parents were tearful bidding him good bye. Later when asked is your son going away from you for the first time, the father replied that he fears of either the plane being hijacked or blow off with a powerful blast.

This correspondent interrogated groundsman, passengers people waiting in the lobby and security personnel all agreed that Independence month and Republic they remain extremely busy to handle. Even Airport Authority of India (AAI) personnel were all around the waiting and check in lobby with walky-talky continuously keeping vigil over slightest suspicious matter. All airline operators also have also strictly directed its groundsman, flight steward and airhostess to maintain security concern.

Meanwhile well placed sources informed Assam Times that adequate security demands have been made at the Rupnath Brahma Inter State Bus Terminal (ISBT) at Gorchuk. The authorities have asked for

deployment of special branch personnel with metal detector. It is pertinent to mention here the ISBT started to operate from this July itself. ISBT currently is operating more than 300 buses and the number would increase as Adabari and Machkhowa bus terminals are also supposed to be merged with ISBT.

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