

Open Access Fuel Farm at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport

- *Will increase operational efficiency and will bring optimisation in the aircraft fueling process*
- *Will remove entry barrier for new jet fuel marketing companies*
- *Jet fuel storage facility with unique hydrant refueling system to be commissioned in 24 months*

12 May 2025, Guwahati, Assam: Guwahati International Airport Ltd., operator of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International (LGBI) Airport, Guwahati, has commissioned an Open Access Fuel Farm and Aircraft Fueling Facility, marking a significant milestone in enhancing operational efficiency and promoting sustainable aviation practices at the airport.

The Open Access Fuel Farm and aircraft refueling facility have been developed by acquiring the assets of various oil marketing companies operating at the airport. Over the next 24 months, a jet fuel storage facility featuring a state-of-the-art hydrant refueling system will be commissioned at the airside.

This new development at LGBI Airport will avoid duplication of infrastructure and equipment due to the presence of a common carrier of fuel, offering economies of scale through the low cost of infrastructure. The Open Access model will increase competition, reduce costs, and lower the entry barrier for new players. The hydrant system envisages an efficient and safe aircraft refueling process. Overall, the Open Access Fuel Farm streamlines fuel handling processes and offers scope to increase the efficiency of operations.

The commissioning of the Open Access Fuel Farm and aircraft fueling facility at LGBI Airport is a significant step forward in the airport's journey towards becoming a leading aviation hub. This development not only enhances the airport's operational capabilities but also underscores its commitment to sustainable and efficient aviation practices. As the airport continues to evolve, it stands as a beacon of progress and innovation in the aviation industry.

What is an Open Access Fuel Farm?

A unique fueling system at airports that provides a level playing field to oil marketing companies (OMC), allowing them to supply fuel to airlines based on their agreements. This leads to overall optimisation in the jet fuel handling supply chain. It removes entry barriers for new oil marketers and widens the choice for airlines to select the OMC of their choice for refueling.

About Guwahati International Airport Limited (GIAL):

Guwahati International Airport Limited (GIAL) is managed by Adani Airport Holdings Limited (AAHL), a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises, the flagship company of the globally diversified Adani Group. GIAL is a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) venture between AAHL and Airport Authority of India (AAI) in a concession agreement of 50 years. AAHL aims to converge India's biggest cities in a hub and spoke model through the Group's proven strength in developing and managing complex transport and logistics hubs.

Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, known as Guwahati Airport, is the primary international airport in Northeast India, located in Borjhar, approximately 26 kilometres from the of Guwahati, Assam. Named after the first Chief Minister of Assam, Gopinath Bordoloi, the airport serves as a crucial gateway to the Northeastern states, connecting the region to major domestic and international destinations. Guwahati Airport offers a range of services, including retail outlets, dining options, lounges, and business facilities, ensuring a comfortable experience for travelers.

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