

# KERALA AVIATION SUMMIT BY CIAL

**23-24 August 2025**  
**Taj Cochin International Airport Hotel, Kochi**

## Draft Program Schedule

Time	Details
<b>Day 1</b> <b>23 August 2025</b>	
<b>09:00 AM – 09:30 AM</b>	<b>Registration</b>
09:30 AM – 10:00 AM	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Thematic presentation:</b> Mr. Girish Nair, Partner Mobility &amp; Logistics, Global Lead Airports, National Lead Aviation, KPMG</li><li>➤ <b>Welcome Address:</b> Shri. Suhas IAS, MD, CIAL</li><li>➤ <b>Opening Remarks:</b> Shri. V.P. Nandakumar, Chair, FICCI Kerala State Council</li></ul>
<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b><i>Panel Discussion I: Integrating Drones &amp; Un-Manned Vehicles into Airspace; Policy, Technology and Safety perspective</i></b>  <b>Chair of the Session:</b> Mr. Ajit Koshy, Director Drones, Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India. <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Ms. R Ponni IPS, DIG, CISF</li><li>➤ Mr. Karthick K IPS, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Vigilance.</li><li>➤ Mr. Ezhilan Nanmaran, Head- Product &amp; Strategic Partnerships, ideaForge Technology Ltd.</li><li>➤ Mr. G Levin, CEO, KSPACE, Govt. of Kerala</li><li>➤ Group Captain Sunil Raj, Dy CLMO &amp; GeM Nodal Officer, Southern Air Command, PM Gati shakthi Nodal Officer, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, AP, Lakshadweep &amp; Minicoy, HQ South Air Command</li><li>➤ Mr. Ajoy A, Assistant Vice President, Zuppa Geo Navigation Technologies Pvt. Ltd.</li></ul>

11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon	<p><b>Panel Discussion II: Future of short- Haul Aviation: Integrating Seaplanes, Helicopters, eVtol and urban mobility into India's Transport Network</b></p> <p><b>Chair of the Session:</b> Gp. Capt. Dr.KNG Nair, Thumbay Aviation</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Syed Kamran Husain, India RSO-Representative, De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited</li> <li>➤ Ms. Payal Satish, VP- Strategy &amp; Business Development, Sarla Aviation Pvt Ltd.</li> <li>➤ Mr. Sunil Narayan, CMD, Chipsan</li> </ul>
12:00 Noon – 01:00 PM	<p><b>Panel Discussion III: Future of Air Travel: Achieving contactless, Paperless and Hassle – Free Passenger Experiences</b></p> <p><b>Chair of the Session:</b> Ms. Aruna Sundararajan IAS (Rtd.), Former Secretary, DEITY, Govt. of India.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ms. Anitha Nandhini R IFS, Passport Officer, Govt. of India</li> <li>➤ Mr. Anurag Garg, Strategy Director- India VP, Thales</li> <li>➤ Mr. Manu G, Airport Director, Cochin International Airport Limited</li> <li>➤ Mr. Suresh Nair- GM India &amp; Sri Lanka and Bangladesh Air Asia</li> <li>➤ Mr. Manish Sinha, CEO, Amaze Aviation</li> </ul>
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	<b>Lunch Break</b>
02:00 PM – 03:00 PM	<p><b>Panel Discussion IV: Regulatory Compliant Business Strategies: Enhancing Airport Profitability through diversified Revenue Models</b></p> <p><b>Chair of the Session:</b> Shri. Ashok Kumar G, IAS (Retd.) Independent Director, Kannur International Airport Ltd, Former Joint Secretary MoCA and CVO, AAI.</p>

	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Suyash Narain Secretary, AERA</li> <li>➤ Ms. Nandini R Nair, IRS, Deputy Commissioner, Department Of Income Tax, Ministry of Finance.</li> <li>➤ Mr. D Devaraj, Former Member II, AERA</li> <li>➤ Mr. Harsh Gulati, Vice President, GMR Airport Ltd.</li> <li>➤ Mr. Bhaskar Rao, CFO, Bangalore International Airport Ltd.</li> <li>➤ Mr. Rahul Bhatkoti, CAO, Thiruvananthapuram Airport</li> </ul>
03:00 PM – 04:00 PM	<p><b>Panel Discussion V :MRO Ecosystem Development; Role of Airport Operators in Driving Aviation Self Reliance</b></p> <p><b>Chair of the Session:</b> Air Mshl Vibhas Pande PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd.), Director, Shri Shambhavi AvTech Consultancy SSACL; Former Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Maintenance Command, IAF</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Santhosh J Poovattil, MD, CIASL</li> <li>➤ Mr. Dinesh Kumar C, MD, Kannur International Airport Ltd.</li> <li>➤ Mr. R S Thakur, ED, Air India Engineering Services Ltd (AIESL)</li> <li>➤ Mr. Gaurav Sahni, EVP -Brand &amp; Communications, Air Works</li> </ul>
04:00 PM – 05:00 PM	<p><b>Panel Discussion VI: Environmental Stewardship in Aviation : Green Initiatives Transforming Airport Ecosystem</b></p> <p><b>Chair of the Session:</b> Mr. K R Jyothilal IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Kerala</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dr. M. Muthukrishnan, Airport Sector Head, EHS &amp; Sustainability, GMR Group</li> <li>➤ Mr. Sridhar L, AVP-Head Environmental, Social &amp; Governance, Bangalore International Airport Ltd</li> <li>➤ Ms. Mini Joseph, CFO, CIAL Infrastructures Ltd.</li> <li>➤ Dr. R. Harikumar, Director, Energy Management Centre (EMC), Government of Kerala</li> </ul>

	➤ Mr. Veera Rao B, Environmental Manager, GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd
05:00 PM – 05:30 PM	<b>Tea Break</b>
05:30 PM – 07:00 PM	<b>Inaugural Session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Welcome Speech:</b> Shri. S. Suhas IAS, Managing Director, CIAL</li> <li>➤ <b>Introductory Remarks:</b> Dr. A. Jayathilak IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala</li> <li>➤ <b>Presidential Address:</b> Shri. P. Rajeeve, Hon'ble Minister of Industry, Law &amp; Coir   Director, CIAL</li> <li>➤ <b>Inauguration of the Summit &amp; Dedication of new APHO building (Switch On):</b> Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan, Hon'ble Kerala   Chairman, CIAL</li> <li>➤ <b>Handing over of key to DDG, APHO:</b> Adv. K. Rajan, Hon'ble Minister of Revenue &amp; Housing   Director, CIAL</li> <li>➤ <b>Address by the Guest of Honour:</b> Adv. K. Rajan, Hon'ble Minister of Revenue &amp; Housing   Director, CIAL</li> <li>➤ <b>Felicitations :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri. Anwar Sadath, MLA, Aluva</li> <li>• Shri. Roji M. John, MLA, Angamaly</li> <li>• Shri. Benny Behanan, MP, Chalakkudy</li> <li>• Smt. Aruna Sundararajan, Director, CIAL</li> <li>• Shri. N. V. George, Director, CIAL</li> <li>• Shri. Varghese Jacob, Director, CIAL</li> <li>• Dr. S. Senthilnathan, Deputy Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare, Government of India</li> <li>• Shri. Manoj Mehta, Senior Director, FICCI</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Vote of Thanks:</b> Shri. Manu G., Airport Director, CIAL</li> </ul>

<b>07:00 PM onwards</b>	<b>Networking Dinner</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Day 2</b> <b>24 August 2025</b></p>	
10:00 AM- 11:00 AM	<p><b>Panel Discussion I: Positioning Kerala as a Global Destination Integrating Tourism and Aviation for Sustainable Growth</b></p> <p><b>Chair of the Session:</b> Mr. Biju K IAS, Secretary, Tourism Dept, Govt. of Kerala.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ms. Priyanka G IAS, District Collector, Ernakulam</li> <li>➤ Mr. Adeeb Ahamed, Founder &amp; MD, Twenty 14 Holdings &amp; Lulu Financial Holdings</li> <li>➤ Dr. Deepak Krishnappa, MVT Specialist</li> <li>➤ Mr. Bose Krishnamachari, Co-founder of the Kochi- Muziris Biennale.</li> <li>➤ Mr. Suresh Nair- GM India &amp; Sri Lanka and Bangladesh Air Asia</li> </ul>
11:00 AM- 12:00 Noon	<p><b>Panel Discussion II: Transforming Air Cargo Logistics , Innovation, Infrastructure and future Opportunities</b></p> <p><b>Chair of the Session:</b> Mr. Dhaval Raut Director, KPMG India</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Varun Rangaswamy IRS, Additional Commissioner of Customs, Govt. of India</li> <li>➤ H.E. Mr. Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Director General, Sharjah Airport International Free Zone Authority , Govt. of Sharjah, UAE</li> <li>➤ Mr. Dinesh Kumar Krishnan, Chairman, Air Cargo Agents Association of India, Southern Region</li> <li>➤ Mr. J Krishnan, Partner, S Natesa Iyer Logistics LLP</li> </ul>

12:00 Noon - 13:00 PM	<b>Valedictory Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Welcome Speech:</b> Shri. S. Suhas IAS, Managing Director, CIAL</li> <li>➤ <b>Presentation of the Report:</b> Mr. Girish Nair, Partner Mobility &amp; Logistics, Global Lead Airports, National Lead Aviation, KPMG</li> <li>➤ <b>Summing up of the Event:</b> Mr. Gaurav Gaur, Additional Director, Geospatial Technologies</li> <li>➤ <b>Chief Guest:</b> Adv. M. Anilkumar, Hon'ble Mayor, Kochi Municipal Corporation</li> <li>➤ <b>Vote of Thanks:</b> Shri. Manu G., Airport Director, CIAL</li> </ul>
01:00 PM onwards	<b>Networking Lunch</b>