

Mumbai airport tariff hike may affect UAE travelers

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Dhaka: Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), operated by Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) under the Adani Group, has proposed a hike in User Development Fees (UDF) for both domestic and international departing passengers, according to reports from Indian media.

The proposal has been submitted to the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) for review and approval, as per a report by media.

Under the proposal, domestic passengers will now be required to pay a UDF of ₹325 (Dh13.79) per departure, whereas previously no UDF was charged.

Meanwhile, for international departures, the fee is proposed to rise from ₹187 to ₹650 (Dh27.58) per passenger.

In a statement issued on Tuesday (March 18), MIAL, a subsidiary of

Adani Airport Holdings Limited (AAHL), said the move aims to fund infrastructure development and technological enhancements at Mumbai Airport.

The airport operator is undertaking strategic initiatives to improve passenger amenities, streamline operations, and enhance long-term sustainability, according to agency.

Over the next five years, Mumbai International Airport plans to invest ₹10,000 crore in expanding its infrastructure while recovering ₹7,600 crore in revenue from an anticipated 229 million passengers.

Among the key projects planned at the airport are: A Domestic-to-Domestic Transfer Facility at Terminal 2 (T2), a new Taxiway Z to improve on-time performance and support sustainable operations, introduction of eGates to reduce congestion at terminal entry points, free inter-terminal coach transfers, and FASTag-enabled parking for smoother access

The proposal remains under AERA's review before a final decision is made on the UDF revision and related tariff changes, according to agency.

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