

Gulf Air signs MoU with Ras Al Khaimah International Airport

[Gulf Air](#), the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with [Ras Al Khaimah International Airport](#) (RAK), aiming to build connectivity between the Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah and the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Heralding a new phase of operations for RAK International Airport, which is quickly establishing itself as a major transport and logistics hub for the UAE, the MoU was signed in a virtual ceremony that brought together executives from both organizations.

Captain Waleed AlAlawi, Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Gulf Air and Mr. Sanjay Khanna, CEO of RAK International Airport, attended the event along with members of Gulf Air and RAK International Airport teams.

"We are always keen to explore ways to enhance the connectivity between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the UAE," said Waleed AlAlawi. "As a Boutique carrier, we look forward to adding Ras Al Khaimah to our network of destinations. We are extremely impressed with the facilities that RAK International Airport provides, which will serve the high standards our passengers expect from Gulf Air."

Sanjay Khanna said, "The aviation industry has its eyes set on recovery following the difficult year we had in 2020. The air ways are opening up as COVID-19 restrictions gradually ease, and passengers increasingly confident to take to the skies once again. With this in mind, we are delighted to sign this Memorandum of Understanding with Gulf Air to set the stage for flight services between Bahrain and Ras Al Khaimah – along with the Northern Emirates – and enhance Ras Al Khaimah International Airport's connectivity to destinations around the world."

He added, "Gulf-state connectivity is a key tenet of our expansion strategy, and with its long history, commendable track record, and vast network, Gulf Air is an ideal partner for this mission. Aiming to build connectivity between the Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah and the Kingdom of Bahrain. This move will allow residents, expats, and tourists in the Northern Emirates of the UAE to connect to as far as the Philippines in the east and London in the west."

In November last year, RAK International Airport commenced passenger services with Indian value carrier [Spicejet](#) flying out of Delhi, with Mumbai, Lucknow and Cochin added at the start of this year, along with increased frequencies from the Indian capital.