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RUSH OF COLDPLAY FANS, TIGHTER R-DAY CHECKS COULD TAKE UP TIME

## Report early for Sunday flights: SVPI

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**Ahmedabad:** Whether you are flying out after the Coldplay concert or for business or pleasure on Sunday, you might want to reach the airport earlier than usual. The Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) airport has issued an advisory urging passengers to report early for their flights.

"Due to enhanced security measures and mandatory checks for Republic Day, passengers are advised to arrive early and plan their journey accordingly," the advisory states. On Jan 25-26, passenger footfall at the airport is expected to increase significantly on account of the Coldplay concerts in the city. At least half the tickets were purchased by people outside of Gujarat, and therefore, the passenger rush is expected to be high on these two days.

Top sources confirmed that the lead singer of the band, Chris Martin, will arrive in a chartered aircraft in Ahmedabad on Friday evening, whereas the remaining members will arrive on Saturday.

## Metro to run till 12.30am for concerts

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**Ahmedabad:** The Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation is gearing up for a massive influx of passengers this weekend with the highly anticipated Coldplay concerts being scheduled at the Motera stadium. To ensure a smooth and comfortable journey for concert-goers, the metro will extend its services until 12.30am on both Saturday and Sunday.

The train will be available at an interval of every eight minutes and entry will only be allowed from Motera Stadium station during the extended hours.

"We anticipate a significant increase in ridership during and after the concerts and will extend service hours on the Motera-APMC and Thaltej Gam-Vastral routes," said a Metro official.

However, the extension will not apply to the Gandhinagar line, which will operate according to its regular schedule.

To streamline the entry



process and minimize wait times, the metro authorities have introduced a convenient paper ticketing system. These tickets will be return tickets, allowing concert-goers to avoid long queues on their way back home. Approximately 10 counters will be set up at the Motera Stadium station to facilitate quick and easy ticket purchases.

For those who prefer digital convenience, the metro app remains a viable option. With over 50,000 passengers already utilizing the app, it provides a

seamless and hassle-free ticketing experience.

"The frequency of trains departing from the Motera Stadium station will be increased to ensure efficient transportation for all concert-goers," assured the official.

The officials mentioned that during the cricket matches which were held at the stadium, the average ridership, which was around 65,000 to 70,000, increased to over 1 lakh, which meant that over 30,000 riders were those who went to watch the matches.