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Airport Driven Regional Development: A Case Of Kial, Mattannur

World airport cities emerge around the globe as a complex urban development phenomenon, characterized with a high level of complexity, business activity and potential markets. Development of airport cities and airport-centered urban economic regions is gaining substantial traction due to the increasing economic importance of such development and multiplying rapidly on a global scale. This unprecedented growth needs urgent attention of all in the domain of built environment and urban habitats.

With the opening of the Kannur International Airport, the fourth longest runway in India, it is going to be a centre for urban growth, with cities growing up around the airport operations. It will have a major influence on future development of the region. Airport -centered development may occur at different spatial scales in different areas. The attempt of the thesis is to develop an ideal urban design model for Airport driven regional development, considering the case of KIAL at Kannur