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The undersigned is directed to circulate Monthly Summary of the Ministry of Civil Aviation in regard to the principal activities and the important decisions taken, for the Month of **December, 2023** for kind information.



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Detailed Monthly information for the month of December, 2023

Important Policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:

MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

- A. Surat airport was declared as International airport and new terminal building at the airport was inaugurated by Hon'ble PM on 17.12.2023.
- B. Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhya Dham was inaugurated by Hon'ble PM on 30.12.2023.
- C. Proposal for introduction of Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak, 2023 in the Parliament and repeal of The Aircraft Act, 1934 approved by the Cabinet in its meeting held on 15.12.2023.
- D. Meeting between Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation and Hon'ble Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic was held on 4th December 2023 wherein enhancing the Czech-Indian cooperation in selected areas, including air transport, modular airports and the establishment of direct flight connection between Prague and Delhi was discussed.
- E. Air India Express started operations on Surat-Dubai-Surat route from 17.12.2023. Further, both Indigo and Air India have started providing connectivity from Surat to Hongkong and vice versa via Delhi.
- F. Ministry of Civil Aviation granted permission for operation of charter flights from Afghanistan, Egypt, Kenya, Thailand and United Arab Emirates under special circumstances.
- G. Passengers carried by domestic airlines during January- November 2023 were 1382.34 lakh as against 1105.10 lakh during the corresponding period of the previous year thereby registering annual growth of 25.09%.
- H. On 01.12.2023, Ministry of Civil Aviation, AAICLAS and APEDA engaged with stakeholders on Krishi Udan Scheme at Varanasi airport.

- I. AAICLAS-Chennai was honored with the "Excellence in Air Cargo and Logistics Sectors" award during the 4th Aviation Cargo Express (ACE) ceremony on 07.12.2023.
- J. Promotions of drones were continued and following achievements were made in previous month:
 - a) 982 drones were registered and Unique Identification Number (UIN) were issued.
 - b) 542 Remote Pilot Certificates (RPC) were issued.
 - c) Two new Type Certificates were issued for drones.

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (DGCA)

- A.
 - (i) **2640** – Total No. of flight clearances issued (including tourist charter flights)
 - (ii) **11** – No. of Tourist Charter flight clearances issued
 - (iii) **03** – No. of New AOP (Air Operator Permit) issued to provide Non-Scheduled Air Transport Service
 - (iv) **02** - No. of AOC renewed (Scheduled Commuter Operator)
 - (v) **09**- No. of AOP renewed (Non Scheduled Operator)
 - (vi) **02** – No. of operating permit (State Govt. / PSU) renewed
 - (vii) **23** – No. of permissions issued to import/Local Acquisition of aircraft
 - (viii) **14** – No. of aircraft endorsed on AOC of Scheduled Operator

- B. **1137** Licenses/Ratings were issued including **04** FATA (initial), **56** FATA (Extension) and **377** Endorsements including open rating.

BUREAU OF CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY (BCAS)

- i. Security inspection of airports carried out:- **15**
- ii. Security Monitoring/surprise checks carried out:- **64**
- iii. Security tests carried out to test the efficiency of security system :- **92**
- iv. Security survey of airports carried out:- **01**
- v. Security vetting of airports carried out:- **77**
- vi. **31** Aviation security training programme conducted for persons : **2320**

vii. Approval of security programme accorded to
SOP/Private/NSOP/ASP/Concessionaire/Catering/RA/FFSP/GHA/FTO: 86

AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (AAI)

A. Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Survey

During December, 2023, ASQ survey at 15 AAI airports was conducted successfully.

ALLIANCE AIR AVIATION LTD.

A. As on 31.12.2023, Alliance Air is operating to 58 stations with 94 departures per day.

B. Alliance Air launched new routes on Bhubaneswar-Jharsuguda and Kolkata-Rourkela.

COMMISSION OF RAILWAY SAFETY (CRS)

A. 20 statutory inspections of Network Expansion related work of Doubling / Multiple Lines / New Lines / Gauge Conversion for a length of 287.07 kms for were done by the Commissioners and authorizations issued, thus making the cumulative total of these works during the year 2023-24 to 1558.15 kms.

B. 101 Minor Works were sanctioned for Railway Board's sanction.
