Ministry of Civil Aviation
Government of India

100 Days Achievements of Ministry of Civil Aviation

(May 2019 to August 2019)

1. **Airports - 3 AAI airports awarded on PPP**

   Three airports viz. Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Mangaluru of Airports Authority of India (AAI) have been awarded to a private concessionaire through Public Private Partnership (PPP) to bring efficiency in delivery, expertise, enterprise and professionalism apart from harnessing the needed investments in the public sector. Action completed.

2. **Tallest ATC tower**

   Delhi Air Traffic Service Complex (DATS-Complex) - country's tallest Air Traffic Control tower has been inaugurated on 02.09.2019 at the Indira Gandhi International Airport. This iconic infrastructure will ensure up-scaled services and systems for efficient, smooth and uninterrupted air traffic management. Action completed.

3. Digital Initiative

a) eGCA

The function & process of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is being moved to an online platform to provide faster delivery of services & regulation oversight. The e-GCA was initiated on 14th May 2019. The first module on pilot licensing shall be launched in November 2019.

b) DigiSky

Pursuant to the issuance of CAR by DGCA on 27.08.2018, DigiSky online portal has been launched to meet the requirement laid down by the CAR for flying Civil Drones. The Beta version of DigiSky is available and captures the entire gamut of activities relating to drones viz. registration of drones and pilots, approval of flight path, post flight analysis etc. based on the distinctive features of No Permission No Take off (NPNT).

c) e-sahaj

100% of security clearances pertaining to the Ministry have been made online on e-sahaj online portal launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation. The portal is operational for granting clearances in respect of 24 categories.

d) DigiYatra

Trial for rollout of DigiYatra initiative has been started at Bangalore and Hyderabad airports. The initiative envisages seamless and hassle free passenger travel using biometric technologies to improve passenger experience, reduce queue waiting time as passengers can walk through e-gates by using advanced security solutions. It will remove redundancies at check points and enhance resource utilization.

4. **Security component of ASF rationalized**

Passenger Service Fee (PSF) now called Aviation Security Fee (ASF) charged as part of passenger fare and collected by the airlines which is deposited in the escrow account of respective JVs or AAI account has been rationalized and a National Trust has been created to pool all the ASF collections across airports. The trust is to be managed by AAI. The collection of PSF(SC)/ASF in a single pool account will serve the purpose of cross subsidizing the smaller airports of AAI with low PSF(SC)/ASF collection thus bridging the funding gap.

5. **UDAN**

34 routes have been operationalized, awarded under round 1, 2 and 3 / Tourism RCS. These 34 RCS routes provide connectivity to 4 unserved (Jharsuguda, Mysore, Kolhapur and Jalgaon) and 4 unserved (Gwalior, Belgaum, Durgapur and Shillong) airports connecting 10 served (Raipur, Bhubaneswar, Kolkata, Bangalore, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Goa, Kochi, Rajahmundry and Vizag) airports under the scheme.

6. **Aviation Jobs Portal**

    Aviation Jobs is a unique web-based portal launched by Ministry of Civil Aviation on 29.08.2019， which seeks to bring together job seekers and prospective employers in the Indian civil aviation sector. It is a common platform for enabling candidates to register their job interests across various sub-sectors. At the same time it facilitates sourcing of information about candidates available in the market by prospective employers with a view to improve prospects for employment or re-employment in the civil aviation ecosystem.

7. **ICAO to present Council President Certificate to India**

    Recognizing India's progress in resolving its safety oversight deficiencies and improving the Effective Implementation (EI), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has announced a Council President Certificate to India which would be presented during a special ceremony at ICAO headquarters, Montreal during the 40th Session of the Assembly.

8. <u>Amendments in the AERA ACT, 2008</u>

Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008: has been amended to enhance the criteria for classifying 'major airport' from present 'one and a half million' to 'three and half million' per annum. The Authority shall adopt the tariff in respect of an airport if such tariff has been notified by the central Government as a part of the bidding document or has been determined through transparent process of bidding in accordance with the guidelines issued by the central Government.

9. <u>Robust growth in Aviation Fleet</u>

Aviation sector has seen a robust growth despite grounding of Jet Airways. The number of aircrafts has risen to 664 operational aircrafts as against 578 before discontinuance of Jet operations.

10. <u>ICAO Election</u>

India registered an unprecedented victory at the ICAO Council elections registering second highest votes amongst the victorious nations elected to part II of the ICAO council at the 40th session of ICAO assembly held at Montreal.