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**Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, B-Block,  
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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 **March, 2024** for kind information.

  
**(P K Thakur)**

**Deputy Director General**

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Copy with a copy of Summary also to:-

1. Director (M&C), Civil Aviation, PIB, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. ROI to the Council of ICAO, 999, University Street, Suite 14.30, Montreal Quebec, Canada H3C5J9.

## **Important Policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:**

### **MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**

1. Passengers carried by domestic airlines was 257.78 lakh during January-February 2024 as against 246.11 lakh during the corresponding period of the previous year, thereby registering annual growth of 4.74%.
2. Civil Aviation Research Organization at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad was inaugurated by Hon'ble PM on 05.03.2024.
3. New Terminal Building at Pune, Kolhapur, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Delhi (Terminal-1), Lucknow (Terminal-3), and New Airports at Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Moradabad and Shravasti were inaugurated by Hon'ble PM on 10.03.2024. Foundation Stone of New Terminal Building at Belagavi, Kadapa and Hubballi Airports was also laid by Hon'ble PM on 10.03.2024.
4. Under RCS-Udan, six (06) airports including two (02) heliports and twenty-eight (28) routes commenced during the month. A total of 547 routes have been operationalized under RCS-Udan so far.
5. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between India and Thailand on 15.03.2024 wherein both sides agreed to enhance the capacity entitlement for the designated airlines of each side by an additional 14,000 (7000 + 7000) seats per week in each direction in two phases i.e. Phase-I & Phase-II, over and above the existing entitlements. Four new points namely Chiang Rai, Hat Yai, Surat Thani, and Udon Thani were secured as additional points of call for Indian designated airlines, without reciprocating any points to the Thai side.
6. Digi Yatra has been launched at Chennai airport on 31.03.2024, making it the 14<sup>th</sup> airport wherein this facility is operationalized.
7. Promotion of drones was continued with following achievements:
  - a) 1920 Unique Identification Number (UIN) were issued in the month of March 2024, leading to a total of 20952 Nos. of drones issued UIN.
  - b) 376 Remote Pilot Certificates (RPC) were issued in the month of March 2024, leading to a total of 9846 Nos. of RPCs.
  - c) 5 new Type Certificate issued during the month of March 2024. Now, there are total 55 Nos. of type certified Drones.

### **DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (DGCA)**

#### **A. The following Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) in important area has been revised by DGCA during the month of March, 2024:**

- i. **CAR 7/J/III:-**Duty Period, Flight Duty Period, Flight Time Limitations and Prescribed Rest Periods – Flight crew Engaged in Scheduled Air Transport Operations Issue III Rev 2 dt 26.03.24  
Para 2.2 Date of Implementation of CAR w.e.f 01 Jun 24 was deleted.
- ii. **CAR 8/F/I:** Requirements for exercising the privileges of ratings on aeroplanes for scheduled, non-scheduled & scheduled commuter operations Issue 1 Rev 2 dated 19.03.24.

- Added Gap from 3 Takeoff and Landings on approved simulator or Aircraft.
- iii. **CAR 8/S/III:** Requirements for Operation of Aircraft in North Atlantic High Level Airspace (NAT HLA) issue 2 Rev 2 19.03.24.  
Changes with reference to NAT doc 004, 006, 007, 008, 7030, NAT Ops Bulletin Checklist and Oceanic Control were added.

**B. 'Type Certificate' for Drones have been issued:**

- i. Type Certificate has been issued to UAS Model 'CADTECH HEXA' of the manufacturer M/s Chatak Innovations LLP.
- ii. Type Certificate has been issued to UAS Model 'Marucom w10' of the manufacturer M/s Marucom Drone Technologies Private Limited.
- iii. Type Certificate has been issued to UAS Model 'Q6' of the manufacturer M/s IDEAFORGE TECHNOLOGY LIMITED.
- iv. Type Certificate has been issued to UAS Model 'VEDANSH' of the manufacturer M/s AEROSYS AVIATION INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED.
- v. Type Certificate has been issued to UAS Model 'RFLY-MICRO' of the manufacturer M/s RFLY INNOVATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED.

**C. Remote Pilot Training Organization (RPTO) Authorizations Issued:**

- i. M/s SPH Aviation Private Limited, Sonipat (RPTO Authorization No.: 07/2024)
- ii. M/s Drone Van Private Limited, Greater Noida (RPTO Authorization No.: 08/2024)
- iii. M/s Asia Soft Private Limited, Kottayam (RPTO Authorization No.: 09/2024)
- iv. M/s Flapone Aviation Private Limited, Gurugram (RPTO Authorization No.: 10/2024)
- v. M/s Aerodrone Robotics Private Limited, Rewari (RPTO Authorization No.: 11/2024)
- vi. M/s DroneAcharya Aerial Limited, Jaipur (RPTO Authorization No.: 12/2024)

**D. Various Checks/ Approvals**

- i. Oral exam conducted for AFIR/FIR = **20**
- ii. Annual Surveillance = **02**
- iii. Standardisation Check = **02**
- iv. Proficiency Check = **08**
- v. CFI approval = **01 Helicopter**
- vi. Dy. CFI approval = **02**
- vii. FIR issue check = **03**
- viii. Accident/ Incident Investigation = **01**

**E.**

- i. **2530** – Total No. of flight clearances issued (including tourist charter flights)

- ii. 07 – No. of Tourist Charter flight clearances issued
- iii. 01 – No. of New AOC (Air Operator Certificate) issued to provide Non-Scheduled Commuter Air Transport Service
- iv. 01 – No. of AOC renewed (Scheduled Operator)
- v. 06 – No. of AOP renewed (Non-Scheduled Operator)
- vi. 21 – No. of permissions issued to import/Local Acquisition of aircraft
- vii. 11 – No. of aircraft endorsed on AOC of Scheduled Operator

**F. 1087 Licenses/Ratings** were issued including **10 FATA** (initial), **10 FATA** (Extension) and **388 Endorsements** including open rating.

**G. Type Acceptance/Authorisation issued:**

**i. Type Acceptance has been granted to following Contracting State Type Certificates for aeronautical product for operation of aircraft in India:**

- i. Letter of Type Acceptance of UK CAA TADS BG08 Issue 02 dated 15.08.2019 issued to M/s AutoGyro Certification Ltd for gyroplane model MTOsport2017.

**ii. Type Acceptance has been granted to following Contracting State Supplemental Type Certificates for aeronautical product for operation of aircraft in India:**

- i. Letter of Type Acceptance of FAA STC ST02714CH dated 04/09/2009 issued to M/s Global Onboard Partners LLC installation of printed advertising onto cabin interior surfaces on AIRBUS aircraft model A320-251N.
- ii. Letter of Type Acceptance of FAA STC ST03218CH dated 21/03/2022 issued to M/s Global Onboard Partners LLC for installation of printed advertising onto cabin interior surfaces on Boeing company aircraft model B737-8.
- iii. Letter of Type Acceptance of TCCA STC No. SH98-37 Issue 9, dated 11th Dec, 2023 issued to M/s Xcalibur Aviation (Canada) Limited Geophysical Survey Equipment Installation (Structural & Electrical Power Provisions) on Airbus Helicopter model : AS 350 B3.

**iii. Design Organisation Approval (DOA):**

- i. The Certificate of Design Organisation Approval DOA-JA-09 issued to AeroChamp Aviation International Pvt Ltd., 106 Raheja Arcade, Sector-11, CBD Belapur Thane, Maharashtra-400614 dated 15/03/2024 according to CAR-21 Subpart JA.

- ii. The Certificate of Design Organisation Approval DOA-JA-08 issued to Aero Engine Research & Design Centre, Post Bag no. 9310, CV Raman Nagar, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Bangalore - 560093 dated 07/03/2024 according to CAR-21 Subpart JA.

#### **BUREAU OF CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY (BCAS)**

- i. Security Monitoring/surprise checks carried out:- **61**
- ii. Security tests carried out to test the efficiency of security system :- **56**
- iii. Security inspection of airports carried out:- **02**
- iv. Security audit of airports carried out : **10**
- v. Security vetting of airports carried out:- **78**
- vi. **30** Aviation security training programme conducted for persons : **2028**
- vii. Approval of security programme accorded to SOP/Private/NSOP/ASP/Concessionaire/Catering/RA/FFSP/GHA/FTO: **455**

#### **AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (AAI)**

##### **A. Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Survey**

During March 2024, ASQ Survey at 14 AAI airports was conducted successfully.

##### **B. Inauguration of Building/ Facilities/Awards etc.:**

- Construction of Civil Aviation Research Organization Campus at **Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad.**

Inaugurated by: Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Date: 05.03.2024

- Construction of Terminal Building, ancillary building, Car Parking, City side Development & other associated works at **Gwalior Airport.**

Inaugurated by: Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Date: 10.03.2024

- Construction of New Integrated Passenger Terminal Building at C.C.S International Airport, **Lucknow.**

Inaugurated by: Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Date: 10.03.2024

- Establishment of New Civil Enclave at **Adampur (pb.)**- On design & Build Basis (i/c Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Fighting, HVAC, Airport System, IT, Furniture & Furnishing and other Ancillary Building).

Inaugurated by: Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Date: 10.03.2024

- Construction of New Domestic Terminal Building Tower cum Technical block cum Fire Station and Associated works at **Kolhapur Airport.**

Inaugurated by: Hon'ble Prime Minister of India  
Date: 10.03.2024

- Construction of New Integrated Passenger Terminal Building at **Pune-India**.  
Inaugurated by: Hon'ble Prime Minister of India  
Date: 10.03.2024

- New Terminal Building, ATC cum Technical Block, Fire Station etc. at **Jabalpur Airport**  
Inaugurated by: Hon'ble Prime Minister of India  
Date: 10.03.2024

- Inauguration of New Airports at **Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Moradabad and Shravasti**.  
Inaugurated by: Hon'ble Prime Minister of India  
Date: 10.03.2024

- Foundation stone laying for New Airport Terminal Building at **Kadapa, Hubballi and Belagavi**.  
Foundation stone laying by: Hon'ble Prime Minister of India  
Date: 10.03.2024

#### **C. Work Completed:**

- Expansion of Apron for 04 nos. of bays i/c link taxi at S.V. Airport, Raipur.  
(Civil & Electrical Works)  
Award cost: Rs. 12.91 cr.  
Date of Completion: 28.03.2024

#### **D. Work awarded for:**

- Refurbishing of T1 & T4 for Capacity Enhancement at Chennai Airport.  
Date of award: 18.03.2024  
Award cost: Rs 75.78 Cr.

#### **E. Tender Invited for:**

- Construction of 8 nos. RET's for runway 07-25 and Link Taxi Track -K1 at Chennai Airport.  
Estimate cost: Rs. 190.60 Cr.  
Last date of submission of bid: 08.04.2024
- Construction of New Domestic Terminal building and other allied structures (Phase- I & II) at JPNI Airport, Patna.  
SH: Construction of apron (Phase-III) at Patna Airport.  
Estimate cost: Rs. 26.81 Cr.  
Last date of submission of bid: 06.04.2024

- Construction of IMD Building, Medical Centre and G+3 Multipurpose building at Patna Airport. (Civil & Electrical Works).

Estimate cost: Rs. 25.23 Cr.

Last date of submission of bid: 15.04.2024

#### **COMMISSION OF RAILWAY SAFETY (CRS)**

- A. 39 statutory inspections of Network Expansion related work of Doubling / Multiple Lines / New Lines / Gauge Conversion for a length of 698.15 km were done by the Commissioners and authorizations issued, thus making the cumulative total of these works during the year 2023-24 to 3003.42 km.
- B. 149 Minor Works were sanctioned for Railway Board's sanction.