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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 **January, 2024** for kind information.


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Deputy Director General

To

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- 2. The Press Information Officer (PIO), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.**

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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.

Detailed Monthly Report for the month of January, 2024

1. Important Policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:

MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

1. Wings India 2024, a biennial international aviation event , was organised from 18th to 21st January 2024 at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad with the theme of "Connecting India to the World in Amrit Kaal: Setting the Stage for Indian Civil Aviation @2047"
2. Passengers carried by domestic airlines during January- December 2023 were 1520.32 lakh as against 1232.45 lakh during the corresponding period of the previous year thereby registering annual growth of 23.36%.
3. Ayodhya Airport was declared as International Airport and renamed as "Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhya Dham.
4. New integrated terminal building at Trichy Airport in Tamil Nadu was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister.
5. Commencement of new RCS airports and routes: Two (02) routes have been commenced in the month of January 2024.
6. Airports Authority of India has awarded work contract for development of new greenfield airport at Dholera, Ahmedabad (Phase 1)
7. The new Aerodrome license of the Chitrakoot Airport was issued by DGCA.
8. International air cargo operations at Bhubaneswar Airport has been commenced on 31-01-2024 with the Financial Support from State Government of Odisha.
9. An interim international air cargo terminal operationalized at Pune airport has been inaugurated on 10-01-2024.
10. ATC Tower cum technical Block and other associated works at Raja Bhoj Airport, Bhopal.
11. Promotions of drone were continued and following achievements were made in previous month:
 - a) 1039 Unique Identification Number (UIN) were issued in the month of January 2024.
 - b) 200 Remote Pilot Certificates (RPC) were issued in the month of January 2024
 - c) Two new Type Certificate issued during the month of January 2024.
 - d) One new Remote Pilot Training Organisation viz., Drone Guru India Technologies Private Limited has been approved by DGCA during the month of January 2024.

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 January, 2024:

- i. CAR M issue 02 Rev 06 dated 01st January 2024 includes provisions for Electronic Log Book.

- ii. **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 I was revised to mitigate fatigue and introduce measures to provide adequate rest between flights.

Salient Points

Definition of Night Duty Changed to 0000hrs-0600hrs and includes WOCL, Positioning to included any means of transportation and Bunk, Isolated Rest and Basic Rest Seats added. Ultra Long Range (ULR) definition modified.

Operations approaching Night Duty restricted max flight time (FT) of 8 hrs & Flight Duty Period (FDP) to 10 hrs with 02 landings.

Max Duty Period now restricted to FDP plus 1 hour.

Weekly Rest increased to 48hrs including 02 local Nights.

Augmented Crew Operations Flight Time and FDP for 03 and 04 crew modified.

Minimum rest period of 10 hrs (from 0000hrs) shall be given to flight crew on returns to duty after leave.

Not more than two consecutive nights duty, except once within a period of 168 hours.

The rest period shall be increased by 24 hours after 02 consecutive ULR flights.

In case of unforeseen circumstance, maximum flight time and Flight Duty Period can be extended by 1 /2 hours respectively which is required to be recorded and reported to DGCA by Head of Operations on quarterly basis.

- iii. **CAR 8/S/VIII**: Specific Approval for Operational Use of Electronic Flight Bag (EFB) Issue I Rev I.

Introduction of Cabin Electronic Flight Bag (C-EFB), Electronic journey log book, technical log/flight log (E-JLB) and Less Paper Cockpit (LPC).

Introduction of Training programs for non aircrew using similar devices and applications and are interacting with flight crew members. Examples are maintenance personnel, loading personnel, and dispatchers. Training must emphasize the coordinated procedures with flight crew members.

The modifications to EFB Hardware/Software and/or OS which are Minor upgrades, or do not introduce any additional functionality to an existing EFB function may be introduced by the operator without the need to notify the competent authority, as long as a comprehensive risk assessment has been carried out.

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

- i. 'Type Certificate' has been issued to UAS Model 'AARAV_ENX6MC-2' of the manufacturer M/s VTOL Aviation India Pvt Ltd..
- ii. 'Type Certificate' has been issued to UAS Model 'AA-118-HCR-1420' of the manufacturer M/s HC Robotics Pvt Ltd.

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

- i. M/s AITMC Ventures Limited, Jhajjar (RPTO Authorization No.: 01/2024)
- ii. M/s Drone Guru India Technologies Private Limited, Mahendergarh (RPTO Authorization No.: 02/2024)

D.

- i. FTO approval – **02**
- ii. Surveillance = **02**
- iii. Standarisation Check CFI/Dy. CFI – **06 Candidates**
- iv. FIR skill test = **02**
- v. **Oral Viva examination** of 76 candidates (Rotorcraft, RPAS, Small Class) and 29 candidates (Rotorcraft, RPAS, Medium Class)

E.

- (i) **2478** – Total No. of flight clearances issued (including tourist charter flights)
- (ii) **09** – No. of Tourist Charter flight clearances issued
- (iii) **01** – No. of New AOP (Air Operator Permit) issued to provide Non-Scheduled Air Transport Service
- (iv) **04** – No. of AOP renewed (Non-Scheduled Operator)
- (v) **18** – No. of permissions issued to import/Local Acquisition of aircraft
- (vi) **15** – No. of aircraft endorsed on AOC of Scheduled Operator

F. 1209 Licenses/Ratings were issued including **12** FATA (initial), **36** FATA (Extension) and **425** 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 EASA TCDS No. EASA.R.010 Issue 21 dated 24th Nov, 2023 issued to M/s Airbus Helicopters for Airbus Helicopter model: MBB-BK117 D-3 (H145).
- ii. Letter of Type Acceptance of EASA TCDS No. E073 and Issue 04 dated 01st August, 2016 issued to Safran Helicopter Engines engine model Arriel 1D1.

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 Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) SR09566RC dated 29th July, 2013 for "Installation of Night Vision Goggle (NVG) Compatible Lighting System on Bell 429 Helicopter".

BUREAU OF CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY (BCAS)

- i. Security Monitoring/surprise checks carried out:- **68**
- ii. Security tests carried out to test the efficiency of security system :- **80**
- iii. Security survey of airports carried out:- **01**
- iv. Security vetting of airports carried out:- **110**
- v. **29** Aviation security training programme conducted for persons : **2989**
- vi. Approval of security programme accorded to SOP/Private/NSOP/ASP/Concessionaire/Catering/RA/FFSP/GHA/FTO: **237**

AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (AAI)

A. Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Survey

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

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

- Upgradation of passenger Terminal Building and Air side facilities at **Tiruchirappalli (Trichy) International Airport.**

Inaugurated by: Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Date: 02.01.2024

C. Work Completed:

- C/O ATC Tower cum technical Block and other associated works at R.B. Airport, Bhopal.

Award cost: - Rs. 24.83 cr.

Date of Completion: - 10.01.2024

D. Work awarded for:

- Development of new Greenfield Airport at **Dholera**, Ahmedabad (Gujrat).
Phase1.
SH: Detailed Designing, Engineering, procurement and construction of new Integrated passenger Terminal Building, ATC Tower cum Technical block, Cargo complex, ESS building, Car Parking, Approach Roads, Ancillary Structures, Allied works and Associated Electrical works including maintenance, Operation & AICMC.
Date of award: - 01.01.2024
Award cost: - Rs 333.00 Cr.
- Construction of New Domestic Terminal Building and Miscellaneous works at **Hubli Airport**.
Date of award: 12.01.2024
Award cost: Rs. 228.84 Cr
- Construction of New Domestic Departure Terminal Building and Associated works at **Kadapa Airport**
Date of award: 18.01.2024
Award Cost: Rs 224.05 Cr.
- Construction of New Domestic Terminal Building and miscellaneous Works at **Belagavi Airport**.
Date of award: 23.01.2024
Award cost: Rs 222.58 Cr.
- Capacity Enhancement at Integrated Passenger Terminal Building at **NSCBI Airport, Kolkata**
Date of award: 12.01.2024
Award cost: Rs 69.50 Cr.
- SITC of smart visual docking guidance system (SVDGS) at various Airports.
Date of award: 03.01.2024
Award cost: Rs 18.55 Cr.

E. Tender Invited for:

- Construction of Residential Quarters for AAI Staff, CISF Barracks at **Srinagar Airport**.
Estimate cost: Rs. 176.06 Cr.
Last date of submission of bid: 01.02.2024
- Development of Green Field Airport at **Kota**.
SH: Engineering Consultancy Services for Development of Airside facilities.
Estimate cost: NA.
Last date of submission of bid: 07.02.2024
- Development of New Civil Enclave at **Gorakhpur Airport**.

SH: Architectural and Engineering Consultancy Services for Construction of New Terminal Building, Ancillary Buildings, Car Parking, City side Development & other associated works at Gorakhpur Airport.

Estimate cost: NA.

Last date of submission of bid: 05.02.2024

- Resurfacing of Primary runway at **NSCBI Airport, Kolkata.**
Estimate cost: Rs 34.69 Cr.
Last date of submission of bid: 16.02.2024
- Resurfacing of main runway at **NSCBI Airport, Kolkata.**
SH: - Provision of AGL fittings and associated works.
Estimate cost: Rs 14.53 Cr.
Last date of submission of bid: 15.02.2024
- Reconstruction of Rigid portion of Secondary runway, 'K' and 'A' Taxiway and Strengthening of 'C' Taxiway at **NSCBI Airport, Kolkata.**
SH: - Provision of AGL fittings and associated works.
Estimate cost: Rs 10.80 Cr.
Last date of submission of bid: 19.02.2024

F. AAICLAS-

- International air cargo operations at Bhubaneswar Airport has been commenced on 31-01-2024 with the Financial Support from State Government of Odisha.
- An interim international air cargo terminal operationalized at Pune airport has been inaugurated on 10-01-2024.
- Domestic inbound cargo operations commenced from Agartala airport on 26-01-2024 from new cargo building.

ALLIANCE AIR AVIATION LTD.

- A. Alliance Air is operating to 58 stations with 93 departures per day.

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 309.01 kms for were done by the Commissioners and authorizations issued, thus making the cumulative total of these works during the year 2023-24 to 1871.91 kms.
- B. 155 Minor Works were sanctioned for Railway Board's sanction.
