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The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary of the Ministry of Civil Aviation for the Month of February, 2021 for kind information.

  
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## Detailed Monthly information for the month of February, 2021

Important Policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:

### 1. MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

A. After review of the current status of Scheduled domestic operations viz-a-viz passenger demand for air travel, this Ministry vide order No. 1312021 has extended the opening of the sector in a calibrated manner till 31.03.2021 or till the date of commencement of Summer Schedule 2021 , whichever is earlier or until further orders.

Further, this Ministry vide order No. 14/2021 dated 11.02.2021 has increased the lower band of fares on all sectors by 10% and the upper band of fares on all sectors by 30%.

B. **PASSENGER GROWTH:** Passengers carried by domestic airlines during Jan 2021 were 77.34 lakhs as against 127.83 lakhs during the corresponding period of previous year.

C. 06 new RCS routes has been operationalized in the month of February, 2021.

D. Government of India, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 160 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, has granted conditional exemption from the provisions of the Rule 15A to the following entities:

- a. BCCI for aerial cinematography of the India Cricket Session in 2021 using drones.
- b. Kochi Metro Rail Ltd. for Integrated Urban Regeneration and Water Transport System (IURWTS) project using drones.
- c. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (MoAFW) for remote sensing data collection in agricultural area under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) using drones.

E. 362 Drone Acknowledgement Numbers (DAN) issued in the month of February, 2021.

F. **Aircraft Leasing and Financing Ecosystem:** Draft Regulations were drawn up by International Financial Services Authority (IFSCA) in one-on-one consultations with MoCA for enabling aircraft leasing and financing from GIFT-City IFSC, and circulated for wider public consultations. Ministry of Civil Aviation organized India Aircraft Leasing Summit in collaboration with IFSC Authority, GIFT- City and FICCI on 26/02/2021 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Finance Minister was the Chief Guest and graced the event with virtual presence. Shri

Hardeep S Puri, was the Guest of Honour at the summit. Shri Pradeep Singh Kharola, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Shri Injeti Srinivas, Chairperson, International Financial Services Centre Authority, Ms. Vandana Aggarwal, Senior Economic Advisor, M/o Civil Aviation, Shri Uday Shankar, President, FICCI, Shri Remi Maillard, Head of Airbus India, and stakeholders from the Indian civil aviation sector and industry members attended the event. Civil Aviation Minister highlighted that aircraft financing is the most profitable segment of the aviation value chain and currently, foreign financiers and lessors are the biggest beneficiaries of India's growing opportunity. He informed that several initiatives have been taken by the Government to develop Aviation leasing and Financing Hub in India which included Financing, MRO, manufacturing etc. to rapidly expand this business in India.

**G. Air Cargo:** Near normalization of **92%** of air cargo handled in India has been achieved in January 2021 as compared to January 2020 taking the totals for domestic and international cargo. In February 2021, as per initial estimates, the improvement is upto **95%** normalization.

**H. Krishi Udaan – Airlifting agri-produce for better value realisation for farmers:**

- i. Total tonnage of agri-perishables handled in the 11 months of FY 2020-21 ending on 28 February 2021 was 1,27,654 MT. The movement of perishables from North Eastern Region during the month was 1535 MT.

## **2. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (DGCA)**

**A.** The following Regulations (CARs) in important areas have been issued/revised by DGCA during the month of February, 2021:

- I. Criteria for approval of Chief Flying Instructor and Deputy Chief Flying Instructor for flying training organization (Section 7, Series I, Part V, issue II, Revision 5) published on 3.02.21.
- II. Approval, renewal and inspection/Surveillance/Audit of flying training organization (Section 7, Series D, Part I, issue II, Revision 5) published on 3.02.21.

**B.** Exemption granted from the relevant Paragraphs of CAR Section 3, Series X, Part-I to Board of Control for Cricket In India (BCCI) for live Aerial Filming during Cricket season 2021 using Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS).

**C.** Exemption granted from the relevant Paragraphs of CAR Section 3, Series X, Part-I to Kochi Metro Rail Ltd. (KMRL) for Integrated Urban Regeneration & Water Transport System Project (IURWTS) Kochi using Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS).

- D.** (i) Surveillance/Inspection of FTOs – **03**  
(ii) Renewal of FTO - **03**  
(iii) Standardisation Check of CFI/Dy. CFI – **01**  
(iv) Approval of Flying Instructor Rating (FIR) - **04**

- E. (i) 930 – Total No. of flight clearances issued (including tourist charter flights)  
(ii) 01 – No. of new AOP (Air Operator Permit) issued to provide Non-Scheduled Air Transport Service  
(iii) 01 – No. of Operating Permit (State Govt./PSU) renewed  
(iv) 12 – No. of permissions issued to import/Local Acquisition of aircraft  
(v) 02 – No. of aircraft endorsed on AOC of Scheduled Operator.

F. **561** Licenses/Ratings were issued including 17 FATA (Extension), 03 FATA (Initial) and 152 Endorsements.

G. Type Acceptance issued:

**I) Type Acceptance has been granted to following Contracting State Type Certificates for airplane for operation of aircraft in India:**

a) Aircraft:

- 1) M/s. Tecnam Model P2006T-reg. EASA.A. 185 Issue 11.
- 2) Airbus Aircraft M-321-252NX certified via EASA.A.064, Issue 46.

b) Helicopter:

- 1) Helicopter Engines Model- Arriel 2E EASA.E.001, Issue 11.

**II) Type Acceptance issued to following Contracting State Supplemental Type Certificate for Incorporation of modifications in Indian registered aircraft:**

- a) Helicopters: Fin Cap Kit with LED Light Kit on Bell 407 Helicopter

H. **The eGCA Project for development of eGCA application/solution:** eGCA project is being implemented in four (4) phases. As on date Phase 1 & Phase 2 services pertaining to Pilot Licensing, Medical Examination, and Flight Training Organization have been made live. With regards to Phase 3 & 4 Services following services have been made live:

- i. Permission for carriage of Dangerous Goods by Air (Arms/ Ammunition).
- ii. Registration/De-registration of aircraft
- iii. Certificate of Airworthiness including Airworthiness Review Certificate and Noise Certificate
- iv. Approval/Amendment of Aircraft Maintenance Programme
- v. Approval of Weight & Balance Schedule
- vi. Issuance of Special Flight Permit
- vii. Allotment of Mode-S transponder
- viii. Approval of Load and trim Sheet
- ix. Approval/ amendment of Minimum Equipment list (MEL)
- x. Issuance and renewal of AME Licenses
- xi. Validation of Foreign AME License
- xii. Enrollment of ITP Tour Operators
- xiii. Approval of Cabin Safety Training Manager
- xiv. Passenger briefing card
- xv. Cabin safety manual
- xvi. Approval/Acceptance of Safety Manager
- xvii. Approval of Chief/Deputy Chief of Flight Safety

- xviii. Acceptance/Approval of Safety Manuals.
- xix. Issuance and renewal of Air Operator Certificate
- xx. Approval of Continued Airworthiness Management Organisation
- xxi. Approval for Special Operations
- xxii. Approval and Renewal of Dangerous Goods Training Program
- xxiii. Permission to air operators for carriage of Dangerous goods by air
- xxiv. Approval/Renewal of Design Organization/Significant changes in Design Organization
- xxv. Approval of Modifications/Repairs to aeronautical products
- xxvi. Acceptance of Type Certificate (TC)/ Supplementary Type certificate (STC)

Phase 3 and Phase 4 are targeted to be completed by March 2021.

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

- A. **02** Security Audit of airports carried out.
- B. **06** Security inspection of airports carried out.
- C. **07** Security Monitoring/surprise checks carried out.
- D. **07** Security tests carried out to test the efficiency of security system.
- E. **03** Security Survey of airports carried out.
- F. **20** Security Vetting of airports carried out.
- G. **44** Aviation Security training program conducted for **1384** persons.
- H. **34** Approval of security programme accorded to SOP/ Private/ NSOP/ Concessionaire/ Catering/ RA/ FFSP/ GHA.

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

#### **TRAFFIC TREND:**

Monthly Traffic Reporter for the month of January, 2021 has been prepared and uploaded on AAI website. The broad highlights of Traffic Reporter for the month of January, 2021 and (April– January) 2020-21 are as follows: -

#### **JANUARY, 2021**

During the month of January, 2021, all Indian airports taken together handled 159.23 thousand aircraft movements (excluding General Aviation Movements), 16.73 million passengers and 245.32 thousand tonnes of freight.

#### **(APRIL– JANUARY) 2020-21**

During the period of April – January 2020-21, all Indian airports taken together handled 876.86 thousands of aircrafts movements (excluding General Aviation Movements), 81.56 million passengers and 1946.53 thousand tonnes of freight.

#### **ACI-ASQ SURVEY**

ACI ASQ Awards 2020 were intimated by ACI in February 2020. ACI has officially announced the awards on 01.03.2021 (11:30 IST) Kolkata, Pune,

Amritsar, Varanasi and Chandigarh airports have won six Annual ASQ Awards in two categories as given below:

S. NO.	AIRPORT	AWARD CATEGORY
1	KOLKATA	Best Hygiene Measures by Region (Asia Pacific)
2	PUNE	Best Hygiene Measures by Region (Asia Pacific)
3	AMRITSAR	Best Airport by Size and Region (2–5 million passengers per year in Asia Pacific)
4	VARANASI	Best Airport by Size and Region (2–5 million passengers per year in Asia Pacific)
5	CHANDIGARH	Best Airport by Size and Region (2–5 million passengers per year in Asia Pacific)
6		Best Hygiene Measures by Region (Asia Pacific)

ACI has published the results for the year 2020. The average ASQ rating of AAI airports registered an increase of 0.11 in 2020 and is 4.71 as compared to 4.60 in 2019. Out of 22 AAI airports, 20 airports have achieved score above the world average of 4.37. ASQ survey was not conducted during Q2 & Q3 2020 owing to lockdown due to COVID-19.

**A. Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction accorded for:**

- (i) Development of Ayodhya Airport - Date of approval: 25.02.2021 at a cost of Rs. 242.14 Cr.

**5. Air India Ltd.**

**A. New Flights/Routes**

- (i) Alliance Air recommenced flights on Kochi-Bengaluru-Agatti-Bengaluru-Kochi sectors on daily basis.
- (ii) Frequency was increased on the following flights:
- Mumbai-Bhuj-Mumbai – Daily instead of 4 flights per week
  - Mumbai-Bhavnagar-Mumbai – Daily instead of 3 flights per week

**B. Domestic On Time Performance for the month of February, 2021**

Month	Air India	Alliance Air	Air India Express Ltd
February-2021	89.4%	77.4%	79%

**C. Vande Bharat Mission:**

The detail of flights operated under Vande Bharat Mission/ Air Bubble Agreement by Air India Ltd and Air India Express in the month of February, 2021 is as under:

(iii) Air India Ltd

From	No of flights	Passenger Carriage to India
Afghanistan	8	672
Australia	4	511
Bahrain	16	2308
Bangladesh	4	462
Canada	41	9141
France	8	1459
Germany	28	5238
Hong Kong	2	189
Italy	4	882
Japan	4	754
Kenya	8	1364
Kuwait	20	2857
Maldives	11	555
Myanmar	2	339
Nepal	28	3898
Oman	56	8000
Qatar	8	1129
Russian Federation	1	60
Saudi Arabia	47	6227
Singapore	14	2376
South Korea	1	0
Sri Lanka	6	980
Thailand	3	634
United Arab Emirates	148	25180
United Kingdom	52	10801
United States	112	26413
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>112429</b>

(iv) Air India Express

From	Number of Flights	Passenger Carriage into India
ABU DHABI	73	10,896
BAHRAIN	12	1,826
DAMMAM	28	4,514
DOHA	30	2,904
DUBAI	218	26,894
KUALA LUMPUR	37	6,355
KUWAIT	22	2,619
MUSCAT	76	10,953
RIYADH	28	4,844

SALALAH	8	1,151
SHARJAH	139	15,859
SINGAPORE	48	5,633
<b>Total</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>94,448</b>

**6. Commission of Railway Safety**

16 statutory inspections of Network Expansion related work of Doubling / Multiple Lines / New Lines / Gauge Conversion for a length of 273.69 kms were done by the Commissioners and authorizations issued, thus making the cumulative total of these works during the year 2020-21 to 1771.40 kms.

10 statutory inspections of Railway Electrification works for a length of 573.95 kms were done by the Commissioners and authorizations issued, thus making the cumulative total of these works during the year 2020-21 to 3415.85 kms.

**7. Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau**

**A. Following occurrence has been reported to AAIB: -**

- Accident to M/s Air India Express, Boeing B737-800 aircraft VT-GHE at Vijayawada on 20.02.2021.

**B. Following investigation reports have been accepted by DG, AAIB:**

- Accident to M/s Air India Express, Boeing 737-800 aircraft, VT-AYD at Trichy on 11.10.2018.
- Accident to Govt. of Jharkhand, Super Blanik Glider VT-GLE at Dumka, Jharkhand on 03.02.2020.
- Serious Incident to M/s Indigo, A320 (Neo) aircraft VT-ITR, at Kolkata on 10.12.2018.
- Serious Incident to M/s Indigo A320 aircraft VT-IUD at Delhi on 06.08.2020.
- Serious Incident of airprox between M/s Spicejet Q400 aircraft VT-SUL and M/s Qatar Airways, A320 aircraft A7AHA at Cochin on 28.08.2020.

**8. Status of Public Grievances in MoCA**

No. of Public Grievances redressed during the month	No. of Grievances pending at the end of the month
<b>1443</b>	<b>1079</b>

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