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Joint Secretary

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## **Detailed Monthly information for the month of April, 2021**

Important Policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:

### **1. MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**

**A.** The second wave of Covid pandemic has severely affected operations in April. A number of measures have been taken by the Ministry in response;

- a. Air India has been in the forefront by contributing in terms of bringing more than 150 tonnes of Covid related medical supplies including oxygen concentrators and ventilators from different parts of the world.
- b. The transportation of about 23 crores doses of vaccine (Domestic +International) has been facilitated.
- c. MoCA has been participating in Empowered Group II Meetings to decide on matters concerning incoming international flights, carrying Covid related relief material, etc.
- d. Various policy interventions have been issued for rapid clearances and logistic facilitation of Covid related material at airports.
- e. Real time monitoring of the ground situation.

**B.** A number of members of Government staff and that of the civil aviation community who have been our frontline 'corona warriors' have got infected and some have even lost their lives.

**C. PASSENGER GROWTH:** Passengers carried by domestic airlines during Jan-March 2021 were 233.83 lakhs.

**D.** 02 new RCS routes have been commenced in the month of April, 2021.

**E.** Government of India, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 70 of UAS Rules, 2021, has granted conditional exemption to the following entities:

- a. Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited (CMPDI) for surveying in coalfield areas of Coal India Ltd. using drones.
- b. Indian Oil Corporation. Ltd (IOCL) for aerial surveillance of pipelines.
- c. Centre of Aerospace Research (CASR), Anna University for conducting remote pilot training using drones.
- d. Drone show at KumbhMela 2021 at Haridwar, Uttarakhand
- e. West Central Railway (WCR), Kota to use drones at train accident site and maintaining safety and security of railway assets
- f. Vedanta Ltd. (Cairn Oil and Gas) for inspection of assets and enhance safety of personnel using drones.
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- h. Nagar Nigam of Dehradun, Haldwani, Haridwar and Rudrapur for preparation of GIS based property database and electronic tax register using drones.
  - i. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for conducting feasibility study of Covid-19 vaccine delivery using drones
  - j. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) entities and State/UT police for drone operations
  - k. Government of Telangana regarding Visual Line of Sight (VLOS) drone experiments for vaccine delivery
  - l. Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. (OMC) for drone operations
- F. 821 Drone Acknowledgement Numbers (DAN) issued in the month of April, 2021.

## 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 April, 2021
- I. The CAR 66 Appendix 1 to AMC, has been amended on 06.04.2021 for standardization of the endorsement of an aircraft type rating (TR) on the Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's (AME) Licenses, to ensure a common standard throughout India.
  - II. Civil Aircrew Requirement (CAR) Section 7, Series C Part I Issue II on 'Medical Requirements & Examination for Flight Crew/Air Traffic Controller Licences & Ratings, revised as Revision 5 and updated on DGCA Website on 05 Apr 21.
- B. "Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav Programme"- Interaction with Drone Industry and other stakeholders on Digital Sky Platform on 15th April 2021 was organized with Stakeholders.
- C. (i) Surveillance/Inspection of FTOs – **02**  
(ii) Standardization Check of CFI/Dy. CFI – **02**  
(iii) Spot Check – **01**
- D. (i) **1204** – 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 Non-Scheduled Operating Permit re-certified as per CAP3300/3400  
(iv) **07** – No. of permissions issued to import/Local Acquisition of aircraft.  
(v) **04** – No. of aircraft endorsed on AOC of Scheduled Operator
- E. **438** Licenses/Ratings were issued including **03** FATA (Extension), **01** FATA (Initial) and **95** Endorsements.

F. Type Acceptance issued:

I) ITSO – Regulation for Airborne Low-Range Radio Altimeter under ITSO-C87a was drafted and sent for publishing on DGCA Official website.

II) **Approval of Major Modification for Dornier DO-228-201 Aircraft:** Provisional clearance was accorded to M/s TARDC for Installation of AHRS System on DO-228-201 (VT-EPU) Aircraft operated by M/s Airports Authority of India.

III) **Type Certification of Hindustan 228-201 Aircraft:**

a) Certification Plan for Hindustan 228-201 was accepted by AED Certification Team.

b) Type Design of Hindustan 228-201 was prepared by M/s TARDC Kanpur in accordance with CAR-21.31, and the same has been accepted by AED Certification Team.

G. "ITSO Authorization has been issued to M/s Aerospace Engineers Pvt. Ltd. Salem, Tamil Nadu to produce and mark Aerospace Fuel, Engine Oil and Hydraulic Fluid Hose Assemblies for use on aircraft as per ITSO-C140."

H. DGCA Medical Circular 01/2021 dated 09 March, 2021 on 'Temporary Unfitness for Flying, following Post COVID 19 Vaccination', readily available on DGCA website under public notices, issued vide F. No. – AV/22025/25A/DMS/Med.

I. Circular dated 30th April 2021 - Travel and Visa Restrictions related to Covid-19 issued.

J. (i) **TheeGCA Project for development of eGCA application/solution:** e-GCA 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. Issue/Renewal of Authorization
- xii. Amendment of manuals

- xiii. Validation of Foreign AME License
- xiv. Enrollment of ITP Tour Operators
- xv. Approval of Cabin Safety Training Manager
- xvi. Passenger briefing card
- xvii. Cabin safety manual
- xviii. Approval/Acceptance of Safety Manager
- xix. Approval of Chief/Deputy Chief of Flight Safety
- xx. Acceptance/Approval of Safety Manuals.
- xxi. Issuance and renewal of Air Operator Certificate
- xxii. Approval of Continued Airworthiness Management Organisation
- xxiii. Approval for Special Operations
- xxiv. Approval and Renewal of Dangerous Goods Training Program
- xxv. Permission to air operators for carriage of Dangerous goods by air
- xxvi. Approval/Renewal of Design Organization/Significant changes in Design Organization
- xxvii. Approval of Modifications/Repairs to aeronautical products
- xxviii. Acceptance of Type Certificate (TC)/ Supplementary Type certificate (STC)
- xxix. Approval of new International Routes
- xxx. Extension of AME License
- xxxi. Voluntary Reporting System
- xxxii. Permission to Cockpit entry
- xxxiii. Permission for ground photography
- xxxiv. Process of Simulator Approval
- xxxv. Approval of Aeromedical Transport
- xxxvi. Approve Flight Dispatcher
- xxxvii. Permission and Extension for Cloud Seeding

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

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

- A. **01** Security Audit of airports carried out.
- B. **05** Security inspection of airports carried out.
- C. **12** Security Monitoring/surprise checks carried out.
- D. **06** Security tests carried out to test the efficiency of security system.
- E. **03** Security Survey of airports carried out.
- F. **10** Security Vetting of airports carried out.
- G. Aviation Security training program conducted for **607** persons.
- H. **07** Approval of security programme accorded to SOP/ Private/ NSOP/ Concessionaire/ Catering/ RA/ FFSP/ GHA/FTO.

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

#### **TRAFFIC TREND:**

Monthly Traffic Reporter for the month of March, 2021 has been prepared. The broad highlights of Traffic Reporter for the month of March, 2021 and (April-March) 2020-21 are as follows:

### **MARCH, 2021**

During the month of March, 2021, all Indian airports taken together handled 161.25 thousand aircraft movements (excluding General Aviation Movements), 17.08 million passengers and 271.20 thousand tonnes of freight.

### **(APRIL– MARCH) 2020-21**

During the period of April-March 2020-21, all Indian airports taken together handled 1189.48 thousand aircrafts movements (excluding General Aviation Movements), 115.51 million passengers and 2462.71 thousand tonnes of freight.

### **ACI-ASQ AND CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY (CSS)**

During April 2021, ACI-ASQ survey at 09 airports and Customer Satisfaction Survey at 11 airports was conducted successfully.

A. 99 CCTV cameras were added to the CCTV surveillance system at Kolkata Airport during the month.

#### **B. Work awarded for:**

Construction of ATC Tower cum Technical block and other Associated works at RB Airport, Bhopal at a cost of Rs. 24.83 Cr. on 01.04.2021.

## **5. Air India Ltd.**

### **A. Fleet strength**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Fleet Strength</b>
A319	21
A320	36
A321	20
A320 Family	77
B747	04
B777	18*
B787	27

Boeing aircraft	49
B737-800	24
ATR 72	18
Total	168

## B. Domestic On Time Performance for the month of April, 2021

Month	Air India	Alliance Air	Air India Express Ltd
April-2021	92.7%	88.6%	78%

## 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 April, 2021 is as under:

### (i) Air India Ltd.

Country	No of Flights	Passengers traveled
Afghanistan	13	1305
Australia	1	79
Bahrain	10	1411
Bangladesh	2	195
Canada	32	5342
France	9	1028
Germany	18	2562
Hong Kong	1	66
Israel	2	202
Italy	3	368
Japan	5	717
Kenya	6	700
Kuwait	14	1537
Maldives	8	203
Myanmar	2	313
Nepal	29	2119
Oman	29	4188
Qatar	6	518
Russian Federation	5	390
Saudi Arabia	22	3013
Singapore	12	1258
Sri Lanka	7	813

Thailand	2	462
United Arab Emirates	92	14702
United Kingdom	30	5136
United States	113	20826
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>69453</b>

(ii) Air India Express

April 2021	
From	Number of Flights
ABU DHABI	79
BAHRAIN	12
DAMMAM	27
DOHA	46
DUBAI	210
KUALA LUMPUR	38
KUWAIT	27
MUSCAT	81
RAS AL KHAIMAH	10
RIYADH	21
SALALAH	153
SHARJAH	57
SINGAPORE	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>770</b>

**6. Commission of Railway Safety**

03 statutory inspections of Network Expansion related work of Doubling / Multiple Lines / New Lines / Gauge Conversion for a length of 57.25kms were done by the Commissioners and authorizations issued, thus making the cumulative total of these works during the year 2021-22 to 57.25kms.

01 statutory inspections of Railway Electrification works for a length of 21.9kms were done by the Commissioners and authorizations issued, thus making the cumulative total of these works during the year 2021-22 to 21.9 kms.

474 Minor Works have been sanctioned.

**7. Pawan Hans Limited**



- A. PHL accorded 3-month extension for the period April-June 2021 from J&K Govt for helicopter services.
- B. PHL accorded Letter of Award for 1 year from J&K police for helicopter services.

**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>927</b>	<b>1101</b>

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