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**Joint Secretary**

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

Important Policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:

### 1. MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

#### **A. Seamless and timely distribution in cold-chain of Covishield and Covaxin Vaccines:**

For this purpose, AAICLAS (wholly-owned subsidiary of AAI) has established an "Operation Control Centre (OCC)" and based on SOPs that have been developed by MoCA, the distribution is being handled in close coordination with all Airlines, Air Cargo Terminals, Airports, Serum Institute, Bharat Biotech, Freight Forwarding Agents, BCAS, DGCA, CISF, etc.

- M/o Civil Aviation handled the entire domestic distribution in 2 rounds to 60 Consignee Points across the country of 238.03 lakh doses in January.
- Government of India Grant (Vaccine Maitri) was arranged to the extent of 56.11 lakh doses to 10 countries, mainly through Air India, with some assistance from IAF for Bhutan and Indian Navy (Air) for Seychelles and Maldives.
- Contract export shipments to 7 countries of the two suppliers (Serum Institute and Bharat Biotech) were facilitated as required by M/o External Affairs.

**B. PASSENGER GROWTH:** Passengers carried by domestic airlines during Jan-Dec 2020 were 630.11 lakhs as against 1441.71 lakhs during the corresponding period of previous year thereby registering annual growth of -56.29% and monthly growth of -43.72 %.

**C.** 08 new RCS routes have been operationalized in the month of January, 2021.

**D. 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.

**E. Air Cargo:** Near normalization of 92% of air cargo handled in India has been achieved in December 2020 as compared to December 2019 taking the totals for domestic and international cargo. In January 2021, as per initial estimates, the improvement is upto over 97.3% normalisation.

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

- i. Total tonnage of agri-perishables handled in the 10 months of FY 2020-21 ending on 31 January 2021 was 132,808 MT. This is 60% of the comparable 10 months' cumulative level for FY 2019-20.
- ii. Under the Convergence with Operation Greens (TOP to TOTAL) for 12 NE and Himalayan States', 2.047 metric tonnes has been airlifted from these States till 31 January 2021.

- G. At the time of opening of sector with fare capping, it was stipulated that the airlines shall sell at least 40% of the tickets below the mid-fare. After review of the current status of scheduled domestic operations viz-a-viz passenger demand for air travel and the request of the airlines, this Ministry vide order 12/2021 dated 08.01.2021 revised the limit to sell 40% of the tickets below mid-fare to 20%. Further, the order for fare capping has also been extended to 31st March, 2021.
- H. A committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of JS(AD) for drafting the National Aero-Sports Policy (NASP 2021).
- I. 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. Conditional exemption to the consortia approved by the BEAM committee for conducting BVLOS experimental flights using drones.
  - b. Conditional exemption to ICAR-CPRI for agricultural research activities.
- J. With a view to facilitate operations by "No-Permission-No-Takeoff" (NPNT) compliant drones, it has been decided to permit the same at 26 green zones sites upto 400ft AGL. This is in addition to the 6 green zone sites approved vide AV-22011/8/2015-SDIT dated 03 April 2020.

## **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 January, 2021:
  - I. CAR Section 3 Series 'C' Part 1 was amended for wet leased aircraft eligibility requirements.
  - II. CAR Section 4 Series B Part 1 on the subject aerodrome design & operations was revised effective from 01/01/2021 based on the charges made by ICAO in annexure 14 Part 1 vide amendment 15.
- B. DGCA Public Notice issued vide AV/22025/37/DMS/Med (effective w.e.f. 01 Jan 21), on 'Conduct of Class 1 Civil Aircrew Medical Examinations, in view of COVID-19 Pandemic', readily available on DGCA website.
- C. Approval of Standard Operating procedure (SOP) of M/s International Crop Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) for Crop imaging by Drones to accelerate high-throughput phenotyping for crop improvement.
- D. Exemption granted from the relevant Paragraphs of CAR Section 3, Series X, Part-I to ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI) for agriculture research purposes at institute research farm using Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS)
- E. Exemption granted from the relevant Paragraphs of CAR Section '3', Series 'X', Part-I to Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India for collection of remote sensing data in agricultural areas for 100 districts at Gram Panchayat level yield estimation under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) using Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS)
- F. Provisional acceptance of RPAS model "NETRA v3 of M/s IdeaForge Technology.

- G. (i) Surveillance/Inspection of FTOs - 01
  - (ii) Oral exam conducted for CFI/Dy. CFI/CGI/AFIR/FIR - 11
  - (iii) Standardisation check of CFI/Dy. CFI – 05
  - (iv) Approval of CGI - 01
- H. (i) 978 – Total No. of flight clearances issued (including tourist charter flights)
  - (ii) 08 – No. of permissions issued to import/Local acquisition of Aircraft
  - (iii) 02 – No. of aircraft endorsed on AOC of Scheduled Operator.
- I. 339 Licenses/Ratings were issued including 33 FATA (Extension), 04 FATA (Initial) and 132 Endorsements.

A. 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) Hot Air Balloon M-90 certified via EASA.B.A.014, Issue 23.
- 2) Hot Air Balloon M-500, certified via EASA.B.A.014, Issue 23.

b) Engines:

- 1) Type Acceptance of Rotax Engine Model 912 iSc3 Sport Type Certified via EASA TCDS EASA.E.121 issue 13.

**J. 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 and explosive items)
- ii. Certificate of Registration / De-registration
- iii. Certificate of Airworthiness including Airworthiness Review Certificate and Noise Certificate
- iv. Approval and amendment of Aircraft Maintenance Programme
- v. Approval and amendment of load and trim sheet
- vi. Approval of Weight and Balance Schedule
- vii. Issuance of special flight permit
- viii. NOC for Imports Stage 1 and Stage 2
- ix. Enrollment of Flight Clearing Agency
- x. Enrollment of ITP Tour Operator
- xi. Approval of Cabin Safety Training Manager
- xii. Approval / Acceptance of Safety Manager
- xiii. Approval of Chief/Deputy Chief of Flight Safety
- xiv. Acceptance/Approval of Safety Manuals
- xv. Acceptance/Approval of Operational Manuals
- xvi. Issuance and renewal of Air Operator Permit/Certification
- xvii. Approval of Organisation – CAMO
- xviii. Approval for special operations – CAT II/III , EDTO, PBN, RVSM
- xix. Approval and Renewal of Dangerous Goods Training Program

- xx. Approval of Modifications/Repairs to for aeronautical products approved by DGCA
- xxi. TC/STC Acceptance registration Services
- xxii. Indian Design/ Manufacturing Organisation Registration
- xxiii. Dangerous Goods Training Organization in registration
- xxiv. ATO Registration Process
- xxv. (FDTL) Flight Duty Time Limitation
- xxvi. Airworthiness Organisation Registration Process

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. 21 Security Monitoring/surprise checks carried out.
- D. 02 Security tests carried out to test the efficiency of security system.
- E. 06 Security Survey of airports carried out.
- F. 24 Security Vetting of airports carried out.
- G. 43 Aviation Security training program conducted for 1347 persons.
- H. 10 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 December, 2020 has been prepared and uploaded on AAI website. The broad highlights of Traffic Reporter for the month of December, 2020 and (April- December) 2020-21 are as follows: -

#### **DECEMBER, 2020**

During the month of December, 2020, all Indian airports taken together handled 150.85 thousand aircraft movements (excluding General Aviation Movements), 15.79 million passengers and 257.50 thousand tonnes of freight.

#### **(APRIL– DECEMBER) 2020-21**

During the period of April-December 2020-21, all Indian airports taken together handled 717.64 thousands of aircrafts movements (excluding General Aviation Movements), 64.83 million passengers and 1701.21 thousand tonnes of freight.

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

During January 2021, ACI - ASQ Survey for Q1 2021 was conducted at 13 AAI airports.

ACI has published the results for Q4, 2020. The average ASQ rating of AAI airports registered an increase of 0.04 in Q4 2020 and is 4.73 as compared to

4.69 in Q1 2020. ASQ survey was not conducted during Q2 & Q3 2020 owing to lockdown due to COVID-19.

**A. Work awarded for:**

- (i) Construction of Runway shoulders, RESA and Blast Pad for Conversion of VFR to IFR at Darbhanga Airport at a cost of Rs. 13.34 Cr. on 01.01.2021

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

- (i) REVISED AA&ES-Expansion/ Modification of Existing Terminal Building at Jaipur International Airport, Jaipur.  
S.H.: Construction of new arrival and departure hall including canopies – Date of Approval: 14.01.2021. AA & ES cost: Rs. 45.31 Cr.

**5. Air India Ltd.**

**A. Domestic On Time Performance for the month of January, 2021**

Month	Air India	Alliance Air
January-2021	91%	76.4%

**B. 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 January, 2021 is as under:

- (i) Air India Ltd

From	No of flights	Passenger Carriage to India
Afghanistan	7	475
Australia	5	602
Bahrain	19	2742
Bangladesh	5	382
Canada	30	9178
France	9	1591
Germany	31	4459
Hong Kong	3	196
Israel	2	221
Italy	4	741
Japan	4	782
Kenya	6	984
Kuwait	22	3281
Maldives	4	267
Myanmar	2	332
Nepal	31	3642
Oman	60	8580
Qatar	9	1243

Saudi Arabia	52	7468
Singapore	14	2487
South Korea	1	0
Sri Lanka	4	712
Thailand	2	455
United Arab Emirates	148	22961
United Kingdom	41	8122
United States	121	26182
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>108085</b>

(ii) Air India Express

From	Number of Flights	Passenger Carriage into India
ABU DHABI	85	12,696
BAHRAIN	12	1,908
DAMMAM	32	5,712
DOHA	29	3,855
DUBAI	266	33,142
KUALA LUMPUR	38	6,606
KUWAIT	29	4,945
MUSCAT	87	14,579
RIYADH	25	4,515
SALALAH	9	1,580
SHARJAH	140	16,057
SINGAPORE	54	7,469
<b>Total</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>113,064</b>

**6. Commission of Railway Safety**

08 statutory inspections of Network Expansion related work of Doubling / Multiple Lines / New Lines / Gauge Conversion for a length of 128.19 kms were done by the Commissioners and authorizations issued, thus making the cumulative total of these works during the year 2020-21 to 1502.04 kms.

08 statutory inspections of Railway Electrification works for a length of 506.70 kms were done by the Commissioners and authorizations issued, thus making the cumulative total of these works during the year 2020-21 to 2841.90 kms.

**7. Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau**

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

- Serious Incident of Airprox between M/s Air Asia A320 aircraft VT-IMP and M/s Indigo A320 aircraft VT-IAL at Mumbai ACC on 29.01.2021.

**B. Following report has been submitted by Investigator-In-Charge:**

- Accident to Govt. of Jharkhand Super Blanik Glider VT-GLE at Dumka on 03.02.2020.
- Serious Incident to M/s Indigo A320 aircraft VT-IUD at Delhi on 06.08.2020.

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>1471</b>	<b>1393</b>

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