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Sub:- Inauguration of the Airport Operations Control Centre (AOCC) and New Hangars at LGBI Airport, Guwahati by Hon'ble Union Ministry for Civil Aviation

GUWAHATI 12TH February, 2015: **Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati, Hon'ble Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Government of India** inaugurated the Airport Operations Control Centre (AOCC) and New Hangars at LGBI Airport, Guwahati recently, Shri Kiren Rijiju Hon'ble State Minister of Home, Govt. of India, Shri Hemanta Talukdar, Hon'ble MLA West Guwahati, Shri R.K. Srivastava, Chairman, AAI, Shri S. Raheja, Member (Planning), Shri P.K.H. Singh, Advisor(T&C), NEC Shillong and other Airport Operators/stake holders of Guwahati Airport were also present at the inauguration ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble Minister for Civil Aviation emphasize that the Government of India and the state governments in the region have to be aviation friendly in order to make the sector vibrant. The airport modernization will contribute towards the overall growth of the aviation sector.

Guwahati Airport is connected with all the major cities in India like Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Pune etc. by all the major domestic Airlines like Air India, Jet Airways, Go Air, Spicejet, Indigo & also connected to Imphal, Baghdogra, Agartala, Silchar, Jorhat, Lengpui, Lilabari, Dibrugarh and Tejpur. In International sector, the Airport is connected to Bangkok and Paro(Bhutan) by Royal Bhutan airline (Druk Air). The scheduled helicopter services run by Pawan Hans connecting Shillong (Meghalaya), Naharlagun and Tawanag (Arunachal Pradesh). At present, this Airport caters approximately 94 aircraft movement per day.

Airports Authority of India has successfully completed the construction of three Hangars at Guwahati Airport to facilitate early morning departures and late evening arrivals, which inter-alia can improve the air connectivity not only at Guwahati but also in the region. Thus the hangars will facilitate to develop Guwahati as Inter regional hub and accelerate socio economic development of the region. Three hangars have a combined capacity to house on AB-321 and four ATR-72s. The Hangars are built as steel framed structure and covered with single skin roofing of high tensile zinc aluminium alloy coated steel sheet.

AOCC: Single window Nerve center for the smooth and efficient airport operations. An Airport is a hive of complex multiple operations. AOCC has been setup by AAI by bringing together other stakeholders of the airport operation, within and beyond airport boundaries under one platform to get optimum utilization of the airport resources resulting in providing hassle free/seamless experience to the passengers, airlines and security agencies..

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Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati, Hon'ble Union Minister for Civil Aviation, inaugurated the Airport Operations Control Centre (AOCC) and the New Hangars at LGBI Airport, Guwahati. Seen in the picture are Shri R.K.Srivastava, IAS, Chairman, AAI and Shri S. Raheja, Member (Planning)- (L to R).Centre.