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**Today 28th June 2011, Raja Bhoj Airport, Bhopal**

### **Inauguration of NITB Bhopal**

Shri Vayalar Ravi, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs and Civil Aviation today inaugurated and dedicated to the nation the New Integrated Terminal Building at Raja Bhoj Airport, Bhopal. The new Terminal Building is built at a cost of Rs. 135 crores and is equipped with modern facilities for passengers. Shri Rameshwar Thakur, HE Governor of Madhya Pradesh was the Chief Guest and Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh presided over the function, Shri Kamal Nath, Hon'ble Union Minister for Urban Development and Shri Kanti Lal Bhuria, Hon'ble Union Minister for Tribal Affairs were the guest of honour amongst other key dignitaries present during the function.

The New Integrated Terminal Building having an aesthetic structural shape in a curvilinear form is sleek and artistic and it encompasses all the modern facilities having total area of 26936 sqm with a provision of future expansion. The salient features of the building are 14 Nos. Check-in counters, 10 Nos. Immigration Counters, 4 Nos. Customs Counters, 6 Nos. Security check X-ray machines, 2 Nos. Escalators, enhanced parking facilities for 700 cars and 20 buses and Apron apart from start-of-the-art building and modern user friendly amenities such as Childcare Room, Smoking Room. The Apron has been constructed to accommodate 13 aircraft. The airport Runway has been extended to 9000 ft. which has facilitated operation of bigger aircraft.

Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs and Civil Aviation mentioned the as part of the 100 years of Civil Aviation in the country new Integrated Terminal Building with a peak hour handling capacity of 700 pax is being inaugurated today and this will help in enhancing the connectivity within the State, with other parts of the country and destinations abroad. This will help in boosting the economic activity. He also mentioned that to give push to the development of infrastructure AAI has embarked upon developing airports across the country and Indore is also getting ready to be inaugurated soon.

Shri Rameshwar Thakur, HE Governor of Madhya Pradesh, also addressed the august gathering. Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh also addressed the gathering and complemented for providing such and excellent facility for the public of Bhopal. Shri Kamal Nath, Hon'ble Union Minister for Urban Development and Shri Kantilal Buria, Hon'ble Union Minister for Tribal Affairs also addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of a modern airport in the city and its role in overall development of the city including economic development.

Earlier, welcoming the dignitaries Shri V.P.Agrawal, Chairman, Airports Authority of India mentioned about the salient features of the new facility, thanked the State Govt for making available the land for the development of the airport and he further elaborated about the AAI's plans for development of other airports in the State i.e. Indore, Jabalpur and Khajuraho.

The newly inaugurated facility will become operational from 1st July 2011.



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