

Inauguration of Link Building between T1 and T2 at Bhubaneswar Airport

New Delhi, 06th February, 2024: Auguring passenger convenience, the New Link Building constructed between Terminal T1 and T2 for integrated operations at Biju Patnaik International (BPI) Airport, Bhubaneswar was inaugurated by Sh. V.K. Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of state for Civil Aviation today, through Video Conferencing in the august presence of Sh. Vumlunmang Vualnam, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation; Ms. Rubina Ali, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Board members of Airports Authority of India. The ceremony was graced by Smt. Tukuni Sahu, Minister of Commerce, Transport and Water resources, Govt of Odisha and Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP(LS) and AAI officials from Bhubaneswar Airport.

The inauguration of Link Building will enable the passengers travelling through T-2 (Int'l Terminal) to make use of Passenger Boarding Bridge (PBB) facility available in T-1 (Domestic Terminal) for seamless interconnection. It shall provide international passengers the access to Passenger Boarding Bridges (PBB) installed at Domestic terminal, thus fulfilling the necessity of the same raised by International Airlines. The Link Building shall also support the capacity enhancement of the existing International Terminal (T-2) from 285 to 384 passengers during peak hours.

The New Link Building of 3360 sqm area will act as a connection between T2 & T1. The Ground floor (2160 sqm.) has an Arrival hall which is equipped with 2 nos. of arrival belts with all passenger facilities including Customs facility. The first floor (1200 sqm.) of the building is connected to T1 through an airside corridor and houses 12 nos. of Immigration Counters.

The New Link Building also seamlessly integrates into the design of existing T-1. Some of the key sustainable features include an insulated roofing system for thermal insulation and energy efficiency, LED lighting for vibrant and eco-friendly illumination, and glazing that minimizes heat transfer to maintain a comfortable temperature round the clock.

The glass façade of the Link Building is adorned with motifs inspired by the Konark Sun Temple. Natural and earthy color tones are used in the interiors to showcase the magnificent local art of the region.

The works of construction of Link Building along with construction of 2 nos. rotundas for installation of PBB at T-1 have been completed at a cost of Rs 87.21 Cr. The operationalization of link building also underlines AAI's consistent efforts to expand existing aviation infrastructure of the country to meet the passenger requirement.

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