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Dehradun Airport gets a Swanky New Terminal Building with enhanced Capacity

New Delhi, 08thOctober, 2021: To meet the expected future passenger growth, a New Terminal Building of AAI's Dehradun Airport got inaugurated today by Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation & Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttarakhand in presence of Gen. (Dr.) V.K. Singh (Retd.), Hon'ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Shri Naresh Bansal, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) & Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat, MLA. Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) joined the ceremony through a video link.

With the project cost of Rs. 325 Crores, First Phase of development work includes construction of Domestic Terminal Building along with Utility Block, Car Park, Sewage Treatment Plant, Rainwater Harvesting Structures and other ancillary structures. The new inaugurated building, spread in an area of 28,729 Sqm, will be able to handle 1, 200 passengers during peak hour, thereby expanding the capacity of the airport by eight-fold. The building has a Concourse, Check-in Area, Security Hold and Arrival Lounge at Ground Floor, Security Hold at First Floor and other services & various offices at Mezzanine Floor.

On the occasion, addressing people during the inauguration ceremony HMCA said, "This airport will open doors of progress for Uttarakhand." He also announced 18 new heli routes to connect the hilly areas of the state.

Honorable Civil Aviation Minister also announced three routes of Dehradun-Pithoragarh-Dehradun, Pithoragarh-Hindon-Pithoragarh and Pantnagar-Pithoragarh-Pantnagar sector.

Equipped with 36 Check-in Counters and four Aerobridges, the New Terminal has all the modern facilities like Self Check-in Kiosks and Inline Baggage Screening Facility. Ample retail space spread in an area of 6,465 Sqm is also part of the Terminal to accelerate revenue generation and employment opportunities for local youths.

The design height of the building is optimally done to reduce the cost of construction and operation. The Building has been designed to provide passengers and visitors a sense of place highlighting the culture and heritage of Uttarakhand. Arched Façade is inspired by the work featured at Forest Research Institute, Dehradun and the feature columns are inspired by the form of Brahmakamal, the State Flower of Uttarakhand.

The New Building also has eco-friendly sustainable features like double curved roof to aid in Rainwater Harvesting, Sewage Treatment Plant, Solar Power System, Energy Efficient Fixtures and provision of maximum natural light through skylights.

On this occasion, Dignitaries also flagged off the Helicopter Service on Dehradun-Haldwani-Pantnagar-Pithoragarh-Pantnagar-Haldwani-Dehradun-Sector and Chinyalisaur-Sahastradhara-Chinyalisaur Sector. Helicopter Service will be provided by Pawan Hans and Heritage Aviation respectively. The inauguration of the Heli Routes in Uttarakhand Region is in line with the objective of the Ministry of Civil Aviation to enhance the aerial connectivity of hilly areas in the country. 13 more heliports have been identified in Uttarakhand to provide seamless connectivity within the State.

The Second Phase of the development work will include shifting of operations from existing terminal building to the new one and construction of balance portion of terminal building (14,047 Sqm) along with integration of all the services & completion of balance works at a cost of Rs. 132 Crores. Then peak hour capacity will increase from 1200 passengers to 1800 passengers.

Dehradun is the gateway to many tourist places along with Chardham for pilgrims coming from all over the world. To increase air connectivity to hilly areas, this airport will also facilitate helicopter service facility under UDAN Scheme, which will boost the tourism in the Region as well as create employment opportunities for the local youths.

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