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#### **New Terminal Building at Vijayawada Airport dedicated to the nation by Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh**

**January 12, 2017** : The new state-of-the-art terminal building at Vijayawada Airport was dedicated to the nation by Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh in a glittering function organized inside the terminal building of Vijayawada Airport. The Ground Breaking Ceremony for Strengthening and Extension of Runway was organized at site. Shri P. Ashok Gajapati Raju, Union Minister of Civil Aviation presided over the function in the august presence of Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs , Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Shri Y.S. Chowdary, Union Minister of State for Earth Sciences, Science & Technology, Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment and other dignitaries. The farmers whose land has been acquired for development of the new facility were the special invitees to the function.

Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu applauded and recognized the efforts made by Airports Authority of India and Ministry of Civil Aviation for completion of the beautiful terminal building project in a record one year time and said that the work for Strengthening & Extension of Runway will also be completed at the earliest. Chief Minister presented a Memento and Shawl to the team of Ministry of Civil Aviation lead by Shri R N Choubey, Secretary (Civil Aviation), Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra, Chairman, AAI, Shri S. Raheja, Member (Planning), Airport Director, Vijayawada and Shri Sarkar, Director, Simplex Infra, the contractor for the project. He also mentioned that he would be requesting Central Government through Ministry of Civil Aviation and dignitaries that Vijayawada Airport may be renamed as NT Rama Rao Airport, Amravati.

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Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh inaugurating the New Terminal Building at Vijayawada Airport alongwith Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Shri P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Union Civil Aviation Minister and Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Union Minister of State of Labour & Employment. Also seen are Shri RN Choubey, Secretary(CA), Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra, Chairman, AAI and other dignitaries



Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh on the occasion of Ground Breaking Ceremony for Strengthening & Extension of Runway at Vijayawada Airport alongwith Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Shri P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Union Minister of State of Labour & Employment, Shri YS Chowdary, Union Minister of State for Earth Sciences, Science & Technology, Shri RN Choubey, Secretary(CA), Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra, Chairman, AAI and other dignitaries

Notes to the Editor :

**Inauguration of New Terminal Building and Foundation Stone Laying (Bhoomi Puja) Ceremony for Strengthening & Extension of Runway at Vijayawada Airport.**

Vijayawada is a commercial city in the Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh and the second largest after Visakhapatnam. The city is also popularly known by its historic name Bezwada. Vijayawada literally translates to "The Place of Victory". Its prominence as a major trading and business center has earned it the title of "The Business Capital of Andhra Pradesh". The city is located on the banks of the river Krishna. The city is well connected to other regions by road, rail and air. It has the second busiest railway junction in India and second biggest bus terminus in Asia. As the commercial capital of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada is politically

active, sociologically dominant, agriculturally rich and is an industrial transportation hub. Consequent to the Andhra Pradesh State Re-organization Act 2014, Amaravathi which is adjoining Vijayawada city is being developed as new capital city of the re-organised State of Andhra Pradesh.

Vijayawada Airport (IATA: VGA, ICAO: VOBZ) located at Gannavaram, Andhra Pradesh is a domestic airport with existing Runway 08/26 of dimension 2286m X 45m, with ILS at runway 26, suitable for operation of AB-320 type of aircraft in all weather conditions. The apron is suitable for parking 4 nos. AB-320 type of aircraft and 2 nos. ATR-72-500 type of aircraft. The existing Passenger Terminal building with an area of 3200 sqm is suitable to handle 250 peak hour passengers. It connects the cities of Hyderabad, Bangalore, Coimbatore, Chennai, Delhi, Visakhapatnam, Tirupati and Kadapa. The airport is located 13.5 km from the city, on National Highway 16 connecting Chennai to Kolkata. Its runway was extended in 2011, allowing for the operation of bigger aircraft. The airport will also serve Amaravati, the proposed capital of Andhra Pradesh.

The airfield located at Gannavaram (Kesarapalli) served as an army base during the World War II, after which it was converted into a civilian airport. Air Deccan introduced a daily service between Hyderabad and Vijayawada in September 2003. Until 2011, the airport had only four flights a day operated by Kingfisher Airlines. In 2011, Air India, Spicejet and Jet Airways introduced direct flights to and from the airport. Air Costa, a regional airline started operations in October 2013, with Vijayawada as its operational hub. In the year 2015-16, 4 lakhs passengers used this Airport.

In anticipation of an increase in air traffic from the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region, the Airports Authority of India (AAI), being entrusted with the sole responsibility of development and management of airports in the country, started developing and making infrastructural changes to the airport. As part of the development, a New Terminal Building with Car Parking and associated infrastructure at Vijayawada Airport has been built at a cost of Rs. 162 crores. The New Terminal building is a steel and glass structure having state-of-the-art modern passenger friendly facilities such as Baggage Handling System, Arrival Baggage Claim Carousels, Central Air-Conditioning, Public Address System, Fire Alarm System, Flight Information Display System (FIDS), CCTV for Surveillance, Check-in Counters with Common Use Terminal Equipment (CUTE) etc.

Inspired around the rural-urban blend of Vijayawada's culture, the interiors of the airport have been designed to portray a unique and smart Gateway to the Region. The local environment and cultural references of Andhra Pradesh as well as the historical art and architecture of the Region are interpreted in a modern way to add grandeur to the space. The New Building will be one of the first green building in Vijayawada. The Terminal has three-lane wide Kerb area with blend of tensile and glass canopies, including green wall on city-side. Adding aesthetics to the Terminal Building, large landscape area with water bodies have been created on city side. All passenger amenities are available at Ground Floor whereas, the entire services have been located on First Floor, for ease of operation.

In the new infrastructure, Additional 10 nos. aircraft bays for AB-320/AB-321 type of aircraft at a cost of Rs.17.63 crores has also been completed. The work for strengthening and

extension of Runway from 2286m to 3360m, for operation of Code E' type of aircraft (B747-400) with allied works has been awarded.

**Salient Features:**

**New Terminal Building**

Peak Hour Handling Capacity	: 500 Passengers (250 Dep. + 250 Arr.)
Area	: 12642 Sqm
Check-in Counters	: 18 Nos.
Baggage Conveyors	: 1 No. in Departure area
Baggage Claim Carousels	: 2 Nos.
Car Parking/Taxi Parking	: 300 Cars with 2 Lane wide approach road
X-BIS	: 3Nos. (1 No. for registered baggage + 2 Nos. for hand baggage)
Boarding Gates	: 6 Nos.
Other Facilities	: Ceremonial Lounge, Conference Hall, Back-Up Offices for Airlines

**Runway Project**

Existing Runway	:	2286m x 45m,
Proposed Extension	:	1074m x 45m,
Total Length after extension	:	3360m x 45m
Cost of the Project	:	Rs. 150 Crores.
Critical Aircraft	:	Code 'E' Aircraft (B747-400 /B777-300 ER)
Perimeter Road	:	9.3 km

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