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### **Press Release**

#### **PM lays Foundation Stone for New Domestic Terminal Building at Leh Airport**

#### **In J & K**

**New Delhi, 04<sup>th</sup> February, 2019:** The Foundation Stone of the New Domestic Terminal Building at Kushok Bakula Rimpochee, Leh Airport in Jammu & Kashmir was laid by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019. The Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony took place in the august presence of Hon'ble Governor of J & K, Shri Satya Pal Malik, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State, Independent Charge for Development of Northern Eastern Region and other esteemed dignitaries.

The Airports Authority of India, under the supervision of the Ministry of Civil Aviation is committed to provide air connectivity and develop as well as upgrade airport infrastructure across the country. Due to the proactive measures being undertaken by the Government, India is already one of the fastest growing civil aviation markets in the world.

Leh's Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport is situated in Ladakh region in the state of Jammu & Kashmir and is under the jurisdiction of the Indian Air Force. AAI maintains a Civil Enclave has now taken up the construction of New Domestic Terminal Building at Leh Airport J&K at a cost of Rs.480 Crores. The New Domestic Passenger Terminal Building is proposed to be constructed on an area of 18985 sqm and will have a capacity to handle 800 passengers during peak hours. After the construction of new domestic terminal building, the Leh Airport will be able to handle 16 lakhs passenger annually.

A centrally air-conditioned building with Heating System has been designed and it will have all essential passenger friendly amenities and conveniences.

The design of the building will reflect the philosophy of ancient Buddhist wisdom intertwined with modern ethos and closely incorporate Buddhist design elements in the overall look and feel of the building.

While addressing the public at the ceremony, Shri Narendra Modi said “It’s very important that Leh gets better connectivity with the rest of India. The Leh airport will promote tourism and empower local youth by creating job opportunities.”

An efficient Solid Waste Management System, reuse of treated water for horticulture and air-conditioning purposes, Rainwater Harvesting System to recharge groundwater, Sewage Treatment Plant, Solar Power System, Energy-efficient Chillers are few green features of the terminal building project.

Leh figures on the international tourist map and attracts a large inflow of tourists both from home and abroad. The new world-class terminal building of Leh Airport will give boost to the flourishing tourism industry and create employment opportunities in the region.

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Hon`ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressing the gathering during the foundation stone laying ceremony for New Domestic Terminal Building at Leh Airport in J & K