

## **AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA**

### **Press Release**

#### **PM lays the Foundation Stone for the Development of Deoghar Airport in Jharkhand**

**Delhi, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018:** Deoghar Airport in Jharkhand is getting developed to provide better services to the air passengers of the region. The Foundation Stone of the development of Deoghar Airport was laid by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India through a video link from an event in Sindri, Jharkhand. The foundation stone laying ceremony took place in the august presence of Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand; Sh. Raghubar Das, Chief Minister, Jharkhand, Shri R. K. Singh, Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare and other esteemed dignitaries.

Airports Authority of India, under the supervision of the Ministry of Civil Aviation is committed to provide air connectivity to currently underserved and unserved airports. Due to the proactive measures being undertaken by the government, India is already one of the fastest growing civil aviation markets in the world and is soon expected to welcome many first-to-fly customers.

Deoghar Airport is being developed by the Airports Authority of India, in collaboration with Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and the Govt. of Jharkhand at an estimated cost of Rs.401.32 Crores.

Deoghar – the gateway to Jharkhand's Santhal Pargana region, is a predominantly a religious tourist destination famous for Baba Baidyanath Dham, one of the 12 *Jyotirlingas* and one of the 51 *Shaktipeeths* of India. The airport development project will give an impetus to local tourism and will generate employment as large part of the local population depends on tourism for its livelihood. The development of Deoghar Airport would improve the overall economic development of the region.

The new airport will spread across over 600 acres of land and its Terminal Building will be built in an area of 4000 Sqm. The Terminal Building, equipped with state-of-the-art passenger facilities will be a composite structure inspired by the *shikharas* of the Baidyanath Temple. With a 2500 mtr. long runway, the airport will be able to park two AB-320 type aircraft. The Terminal Building will have six check-in counters and two arrival belts with peak hour handling capacity of 200 passengers. It will have an environment-friendly architectural design and its interiors will depict local tribal arts, handicrafts, Madhubani artwork and pictures of local tourist destinations highlighting the rich cultural ethos of the region.

An efficient solid waste management system, reuse of treated water for horticulture and air-conditioning purposes, rain-water harvesting system to recharge groundwater, sewage treatment plant, solar power system, energy-efficient chillers and a green belt along the periphery of the airport are few other green features of the airport development project.

Deoghar Airport, the second airport in Jharkhand after Ranchi is situated on the North-Eastern side of the state and will have a wide catchment area including Northern West Bengal and South-Eastern Bihar.

In addition, under Govt. of India's Regional Connectivity Scheme - UDAN, more airports of Jharkhand like Bokaro, Dhalbhumgarh and Dumka are likely to be connected with air network, resulting in economic development of the state of Jharkhand.

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Shri. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister during foundation stone laying ceremony for Development of Deoghar Airport in august presence of Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand, Sh. Raghubar Das, Chief Minister, Jharkhand and other esteemed dignitaries