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PRESS RELEASE

Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurates and lays the foundation stone of airport projects over Rs 9,800 Cr in Azamgarh

- PM Inaugurates and lays the foundation stone of New Terminal Buildings of 15 airport projects across the country
- New terminals & New/Upgraded Terminal Buildings inaugurated have combined capacity to serve more than 6 Crore Passengers annually
- Foundation stone laid for New Terminal Buildings with combined capacity to serve 95 lakh passengers annually

New Delhi, 11 March, 2024: Providing a major boost to aviation industry by enhancing airport infrastructure, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 15 airport projects across the country worth over Rs 9800 crore. He inaugurated New Airports at Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Moradabad and Shravasti in Uttar Pradesh; New/Upgraded Terminal Buildings at Gwalior, Pune, Kolhapur, Jabalpur, Delhi and Lucknow airports and laid the foundation stone for three New Terminal Buildings of Kadapa, Hubballi and Belagavi Airports. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath and other dignitaries were present on this occasion.

While addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Prime Minister said that in the last 10 years, the Uttar Pradesh is witnessing unprecedented development. He emphasized that unserved cities like Aligarh, Moradabad, Azamgarh, Shravasti, Chitrakoot are getting air connectivity due to rapid overall development and as part of govt of India's efforts to strengthen the tier 2 and tier 3 cities, Further, to illustrate the speedy completion of airport projects, Hon'ble Prime Minister highlighted Gwalior Airports' New Terminal Building which was completed in just 16 months.

The 12 New Terminal Buildings inaugurated have been developed at a total cost of Rs. 8,903 Crore, having a combined capacity to serve 615 Lakh passengers annually. These Terminal Buildings are fully equipped with various passenger facilities like check-in counters, aerobridges, baggage conveyors and sufficient concessionaire area.

AAI has also undertaken development of three New Terminal Buildings at Kadapa, Hubballi and Belagavi Airports at the total cost of Rs.908 Crore. Once completed, the combined passenger handling capacity of these airports will increase to 95 Lakh passengers per annum.

The designs of these environment friendly Airports are influenced and derived from the common elements of heritage structures of that state and city, thus reflecting the local culture and highlighting the heritage of the region. The murals, paintings, and architectural style of all the above-mentioned Airports has the transformative power to enhance the travel experiences of the passengers.

The inauguration and foundation stone laying of these 15 Airport projects worth over Rs. 9,800 Crore, places India's civil aviation industry at the forefront of the nation's economic growth and solidifies its role as a major player in the global aviation landscape.

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