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### **PRESS RELEASE**

**New Delhi, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 - Hon'ble Prime Minister Flags off the first UDAN Flight under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) on Shimla – Delhi sector**

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today flagged off the maiden UDAN - Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik flight under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS). Already touted to be a revolution in the aviation sector, the first flight took off from Jubbarhatti Airport, Shimla to New Delhi. On this occasion, the Hon'ble Prime Minister also flagged off flights on Kadapa - Hyderabad and Nanded - Hyderabad sectors under the Scheme through video link. The flag off ceremony was held in the august presence of Shri Acharya Devvrat, Governor, Himachal Pradesh, Shri Virbhadra Singh, Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh, Shri P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri JP Nadda, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Shri Jayant Sinha, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation and other dignitaries.

Airports Authority of India under the aegis of Ministry of Civil Aviation is the implementing agency for this prestigious initiative of Government of India and is committed to providing air connectivity to currently under-served and un-served airports across the country and UDAN is going to be giant stride towards that direction. UDAN provides for affordable air travel, which will augur well for Indian aviation industry which is one among the fastest growing markets in the world. UDAN is expected to cater to large number of first-to-fly customers.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagging off the first UDAN Flight under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) on Shimla – Delhi sector at Jubbarhati, Shimla Airport in the august presence of Shri Acharya Devvrat, Governor, Himachal Pradesh, Shri Virbhadra Singh, Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh, Shri P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Shri Jayant Sinha, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Shri RN Choubey, Secretary (Civil Aviation)