

Presentation on Civil Aviation in Tripura

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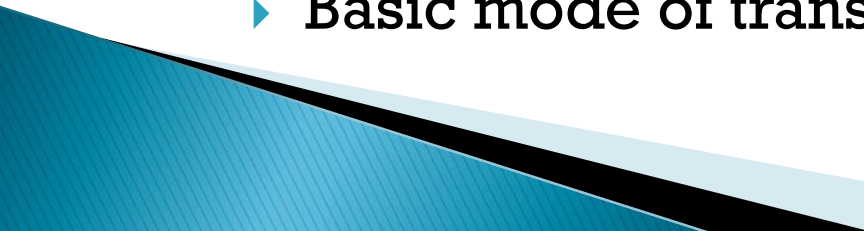
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Tripura – An overview

- ▶ Tripura is a small North Eastern State having 10,491 sq km area
 - ▶ It has 8 districts having approx. 37 lakhs population
 - ▶ Agartala is the capital city of the state
 - ▶ The landscape of the state is of hilly-forest nature
 - ▶ Basic mode of transport are Road, Rail and Air
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Transport in Tripura

- ▶ Before 2016, the basic mode of transport was Road transport
- ▶ Present NH 8 was the only lifeline of Tripura
- ▶ Since 2016, BG Rail service started
- ▶ The state is connected from North to extreme South with Lunding-Badarpur Section
- ▶ There are 19 train services from Agartala to various cities of the country on daily basis
- ▶ Agartala airport is the only operational airport in the state
- ▶ Kailasahar, Khowai and Kamalpur airport are the 3 non operational airports of the state
- ▶ One helicopter under MHA scheme is in operation in the state

Civil Aviation in Tripura



New Integrated Terminal Building at MBB Airport, Agartala

MBB Airport at Agartala

- ▶ MBB airport is the only operational airport of the State
- ▶ It is the 2nd biggest Airport in N. E Region in respect of Passanger Traffic after the Guwahati Airport
- ▶ A new integrated terminal building (NITB) is constructed and inaugurated on 04.01.2022 in this airport
- ▶ This NITB has a capacity of handling 1200 pax at a time
- ▶ Agartala (Capital city of Tripura) – Chittagong (Bangladesh) international flight shall soon be operated in this route under International UDAN
- ▶ MBB airport is declared as Customs Check Post for the purpose
- ▶ Very soon, MHA is going to declare it as Immigration check post

Agartala-Chittagong International flight UNDER UDAN



- Aerial distance from Agartala to Chittagong – 176 km
- State Government sanctioned **VGF** amount of **Rs.15 Cr.** for operation of flight on Agartala-Chittagong route
- State Govt. released **Rs.3.85 Cr.** out of Rs.15.00 Cr
- AAI issued LOA to “**MS Spicejet**” for operation of flights

Kailasahar Airport

- ▶ Kailasahar airport (77.085 acres) is situated at Unokoti District
- ▶ During pre-independence period Kailashahar Airport was connected by Bayudoot Airlines with Kolkata
- ▶ Presently, Kailashahar Airport has been declared as RCS Airport which may be connected with Agartala – Silchar – Aizawal – Guwahati
- ▶ AAI has renovated Terminal Building, Fire Station Building & Boundary wall following State Govt.'s request
- ▶ State Government has reduced VAT on ATF from 18% to 1% as advised by MoCA

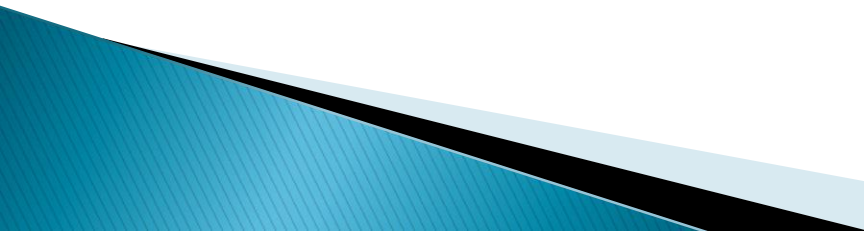
Kailasahar Airport

- ▶ MOCA & AAI was requested for operationalizing Kailasahar Airport by introducing flights under RCS-UDAN
- ▶ State Govt. received 3 proposals from 3 airlines for operation of ATR (17/19 Seater) from Kailasahar Airport:
 - ✓ Alliance Air : Kls-Kol-Kls
 - ✓ Big Charter : Kls-Agtl-Kls
 - ✓ Spirit Air : i. Kls-Del-Kls ii. Kamalpur-Del-Kamalpur iii. Khowai-Del-Khowai
- ▶ Accordingly, MoCA was requested to renovate Runway, ATC Building, Aircraft Apron & other facilities for starting operation of flights
- ▶ Hon'ble Minister, MoCA informed (18.09.2023) that it requires Obstacle Limitation Surfaces (OLS) survey, resurfacing of runway & refurbishment of Taxiway for operationalisation of the airport

Kamalpur Airport

- ▶ Kamalpur Airport is one of the non-operational airports of the state
- ▶ Kamalpur Airport has a total land area of 61.4 acres
- ▶ The land is recorded in the name of AAI
- ▶ AAI was requested to hand over the land to State Government free of cost or by receiving a token amount
- ▶ The land was sought for other commercial development purposes by the State Govt.
- ▶ AAI desired and informed (28.03.2023) to retain the lands for development instead of handing over to Govt. of Tripura

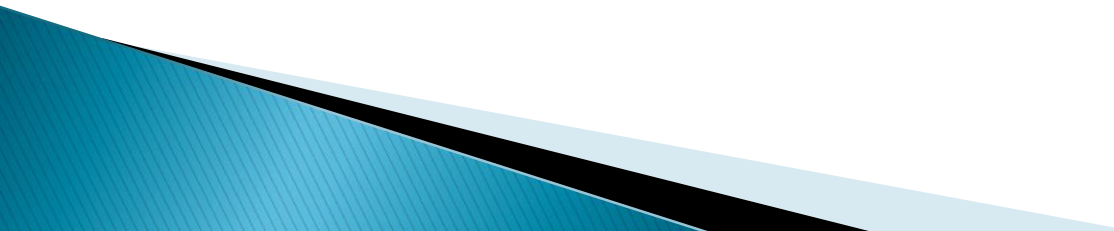
Khowai Airport

- ▶ **Khowai airport is also one of the non-operational airports of the State**
 - ▶ **It has an area of 64 acres recorded in the name of AAI**
 - ▶ **The land was sought for other commercial development purposes by the State Govt.**
 - ▶ **AAI desired and informed (28.03.2023) to retain the lands for development instead of handing over to Govt. of Tripura**
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Helicopter – As a part of Aviation

- ▶ There is a helicopter Subsidy Scheme reimbursed by MHA in 75:25 basis in the State
- ▶ PHL is the Agency for facilitation of service
- ▶ Further, State Government sent a proposal to MoCA for construction of 6 heliports under the “Policy for promotion of Helicopter Operation” in 5 Districts: Udaipur, Gomati, Dhalai (2), North & South District of Tripura
- ▶ Recently MoCA is requested for construction of Heliport at Sabroom for promoting connectivity, trade & tourism
- ▶ Proposed land is recorded in the name of MoCA

Knowhow for heliport

- ▶ **Approx. project cost for construction of heliport**
 - ▶ **Proposal Approving Authority**
 - ▶ **Implementing Agency**
 - ▶ **States already constructing heliport**
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