

E-Governance for Civil Aviation

Why in News

Recently, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched the **e-Governance for Civil Aviation (e-GCA)** online platform through which the Civil Aviation will provide **298 services including pilot licensing and medical examination.**

■ The launch of the e-GCA project **under DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation)** was part of the 100-day plan for the aviation sector. The portal was developed by Tata Consultancy Services.

Key Points

About:

- It is a portal for the dissemination of information and providing online, speedy service delivery in a secure environment.
- It offers **an end-to-end solution** including several software applications, connectivity with all the regional offices.
- It will provide services to various DGCA stakeholders such as Pilots, Aircraft
 Maintenance Engineers, Air Traffic Controllers, Air Operators, Airport Operators, Flying
 Training Organizations, Maintenance and Design organizations, among others.

Aim:

• It aims at enhancing the efficiency of the various services of DGCA and increasing accountability and transparency across all DGCA functions.

Benefits:

- Eliminating operational inefficiencies
- Minimizing personal interaction
- Improving regulatory reporting
- Enhancing transparency
- Increasing productivity

Significance:

- As a single-window platform it will induce a monumental change through the automation of the process and functions of DGCA.
- It will offer a strong base of IT infrastructure and service delivery framework.
- It is a step towards '<u>ease of doing business</u>'. It would add significant value to the safety regulatory framework of DGCA.

Directorate General of Civil Aviation

- It is an attached office of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- It is the regulatory body in the field of Civil Aviation primarily dealing with safety issues.
- It is responsible for regulation of air transport services to/from/within India and for enforcement of civil air regulations, air safety and airworthiness standards.

 It also co-ordinates all regulatory functions with the <u>International Civil Aviation Organisation</u>.
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