Aviation Conclave 2019

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The Ministry of Civil Aviation, in association with Airports Authority of India (AAI), Airport Authority of India - Cargo Logistics & Allied Services Company Limited (AAICLAS) and Confederation of Indian Industry, is organizing the Aviation Conclave 2019.

- The theme of the conclave is "Flying for All".
- Aviation Conclave brings into focus new aviation business to India, in particular, drones systems, manufacturing of aircraft in India, financing and leasing of aircraft from India by Indian and foreign airlines, transforming Indian airports into next-gen aviation hubs, and unleashing the air cargo potential by integrating every village of India in global value chains.

The 5 Key Areas of Deliberation

- Drone-Ecosystem Policy Roadmap,
- **Roadmap for Manufacturing Aircraft and associated equipment**, including Regional Transport Aircraft, in India,
- The **Project Rupee Raftaar**- which aims at Aircraft Financing and Leasing from India,
- **National Air Cargo Policy:** it seeks to make India among the top five air freight markets by 2025, besides creating air transport shipment hubs at all major airports over the next six years.
    - The policy will encourage code sharing/interline agreements between foreign and Indian carriers.
- **Mission to transform Indian Airports** into Next-Gen Aviation Hubs

India's Aviation Industry

- Indian civil aviation industry is undergoing an expansion, driven by factors such as **low-cost carriers (LCCs), modern airports, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in domestic airlines, advanced information technology (IT)** interventions and a strong **focus on regional connectivity.**

- Growth in aviation is also **increasing demand for MRO** (maintenance, repair, and overhaul) facilities.
- Greater focus is given on **infrastructure development** – increasing liberalization - Open Sky Policy; AAI driving modernization of airports and Air & Navigation Systems.
- **Enhanced Skill Development** in the sector can leverage India's human capital potential and can create job opportunities.
- **Innovation and Technology** – GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation (GAGAN): India's first satellite-based navigation system has been launched along with NO Objection Certificate Application System (NOCAS) which streamlines online process of timely NOC for height clearances of buildings around airports and E-Governance for Civil Aviation (eGCA) which regulates online delivery of licensing and regulatory processes of Directorate General of Civil Aviation.

Government's Policy

- **Regional connectivity scheme of UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik)** initiated by the government in 2016 aims to make flying affordable by connecting unserved airports across the country.
- **NABH Nirman,** announced in the 2018-19 budget, aims to expand airport capacity by more than five times to handle a billion trips in a year.
- **National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP)** was framed to boost regional air connectivity, establish an integrated ecosystem to promote tourism and generate employment.