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Assam Govt inks MoU with Flybig to start intra-state flight services

Efforts are on to connect Jorhat and Tezpur under same scheme: CM

Dispur, March 25: Giving a new momentum to intra-state air connectivity, Government of Assam today inked an MoU with Big Charter Private Limited (Flybig) in presence of Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma at a function held at Janata Bhawan here today. MD Assam Tourism Development Corporation (ATDC) Kumar Padma Pani Bora on behalf of State government and Director Sanjay Natavarlal Mandavia for Flybig signed the agreement to operate flights between Guwahati-Dibrugarh-Guwahati and Guwahati-Silchar-Guwahati routes on a daily basis.

It may be noted that under the MoU, the flight operations will be started in line with the UDAN scheme of Government of India, as the State government will be operating the flights under viability gap funding.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that the MoU with the Flybig under which number of daily flight services will be enhanced will add a new height to intra-state air connectivity. The services will give assured connectivity and assured price as the agreement has decided to keep a tab on the pricing as the maximum price has been fixed at Rs. 4000. The new services will add new momentum to Mohanbari airport at Dibrugarh and Kumbhirgram Airport at Silchar. The Chief Minister said that State government is studying feasibility to replicate the same services in Jorhat, Tezpur etc. Dr. Sarma also said that it was one of the budget proposals of the State government, as he felt happy to have fulfilled the proposal. He thanked Flybig and ATDC for coming forward to facilitate air services in Non-UDAN routes.

Additional Chief Secretary Tourism Manindar Singh gave the welcome address in the programme which was attended among others by Tourism Minister Jayanta Mallabaruah, Vice Chairman ATDC Dilip Das, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha and a host of other dignitaries.

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