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**CM Dr. Sarma flags off new operations of Alliance Air**

**New operations to strengthen people to people contact, tourism and trade: CM**

**Dispur, October 30:** Giving a boost to regional connectivity, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma along with Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia today attended a virtual programme to flag off the operations of Alliance Air in the states of Assam, Arunchal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya and Mizoram.

As a part of the new operations Alliance Air will travel between Lilabari, Ziro, Shillong, Imphal and Mizoram.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma termed it a significant day as the Alliance Air operations will lead to greater air connectivity in North East particularly between the states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Manipur. He said, "I consider the launch of these air operations not just an extension of airline routes but more importantly a futuristic gesture, which will go a long way in promoting people to people contact, tourism and trade".

He on the occasion, thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said it is due to his policy of 'Transformation through Transportation', the North Eastern states have witnessed unprecedented improvement in the connectivity sector in the last eight years.

The Chief Minister also said that Lilabari in Lakhimpur district is an important corridor to the North Eastern states. The airport is a corridor to several tourist places as State government for the development of the airport has already handed over 84 acres of land for construction of basic strip and isolation bay. Dr. Sarma also said that under Prime Minister's initiative with the help of UDAN scheme all important cities of the North East have been brought together under the regional connectivity scheme. Moreover, under his leadership work for a new terminal at LGBI airport has been undertaken by the government and the work has made tremendous progress. Rupsi airport in Western Assam which remained defunct since 1984, has been redeveloped under UDAN scheme and has been in operation since May last year, the Chief Minister added.

Dr. Sarma further said that today North East is fuelling India's aviation growth. The industry has achieved a milestone which was unthinkable few years ago. With UDAN scheme in force, aircraft movement in North East from August 2017 to August 2022 rose to 7973 flights, which is an increase of 36 per cent, higher than the growth rates in East, West, North and South zones.

The Chief Minister also exuded confidence that under the visionary leadership of the Prime Minister and Union Civil Aviation Minister Assam and North East will receive more impetus in the aviation sector in the future. He also thanked Alliance Air for starting the new flight operations in the region.

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Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Minister for Law and Justice Kiren Rijju, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation V.K. Singh, CM Manipur N. Biren Singh, CM Meghalaya Conrad Sangma, CM Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu, CEO Alliance Air Vineet Sood attend the flag off ceremony virtually from their respective places.

Transport Minister Parimal Suklabaidya, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha, Commissioner Transport Adil Khan were also was present on the occasion.

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