



## Hon'ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation Kick-Starts #ACT4EARTH Initiative at Delhi Airport

- TERI, GMR and EESL join hands to rally people to contribute towards energy efficiency as part of World Sustainable Development Summit 2016

**October 2, 2016:** The Hon'ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Shri Jayant Sinha, today flagged off the #ACT4EARTH initiative at the Terminal 3 of Delhi's IGI Airport, in order to rally the general public around the goal of energy efficiency. This initiative took place on the heels of the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS), a flagship event, being organised by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) from October 5 to 8, 2016 at India Habitat Centre, Delhi. The summit is a 4-day international platform that assumes a critical significance with focus on charting pathways for local solutions to global issues related to sustainability.

Expressing his support to the campaign, **Shri Jayant Sinha said**, "The hashtag #Act4Earth is a great initiative on Gandhi Jayanti. It is all of our responsibility to dedicate ourselves to sustainability to make this Earth a better, livable planet for all its inhabitants."

This initiative is a joint effort among TERI, an independent think-tank on energy, environment and sustainable development; GMR Group, the lead consortium member in DIAL which operates IGI Airport in Delhi; and the Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL), which is a joint venture of state-run power companies, responsible for the implementation of the Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme (DELP). As part of this initiative, a photo booth has been set-up at the T3 Airport in New Delhi, inviting people to pledge their commitment towards environmental protection and sustainable development.

Speaking on this occasion, **Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director-General, TERI**, said, "All of us have the right and an obligation to do the right thing – to be green, to think of the future. On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, let's pledge to do the green thing. It's the least that each one of us can do."

**Mr Srinivas Bommidala, Chairman Airports, GMR Group**, assured of GMR's commitment and focus on energy efficiency. He said, "We strongly believe that the collaborative approach is the key for combating climate change. As part of our extensive strategy on Sustainability and much in line with Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision we have taken various efficiency initiatives. These include green infrastructure such as, Solar Power Generation, Water and Waste Management initiatives. Last week, we won the accolade of Delhi

Airport being the first airport in Asia-Pacific to achieve Carbon Neutral status at ACI event in Montreal, Canada. The globally reputed Airport Carbon Accreditation has upgraded Delhi Airport to "Level 3+, Neutrality which is the highest level of environmental achievement available to airports across the world under this programme. As part of Business Excellence, we see sustainability as one of our key business objectives going forward."

India's commitments in the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) to reduce emission intensity by 33–35% between 2005 and 2030 will be no small feat. In the last two years, India has made great strides in diversifying its energy mix by moving towards renewable sources like solar and wind. Through its 8 missions against climate change, India has introduced mechanisms for monitoring the air quality and levels of pollution. This is in addition to stronger commitments to alter the energy mix and increasing the capacity of renewable energy to 40% by 2030, enhancing energy efficiency and increasing carbon taxation.

The objective of this initiative at T3 airport, is to educate and encourage general public to switch to energy-efficient mechanical and electrical systems like LED bulbs, thus, doing their bit to help India reduce its energy emissions and become more energy efficient.

#### **About WSDS**

The WSDS (World Sustainable Development Summit) has been the flagship programme of TERI since 2001. It is a global forum that seeks to provide long-term solutions to protect this planet. Held annually, WSDS is perhaps the only event of its kind in the world with participation by global stakeholders—multilateral and bilateral development organizations, governments, the corporate sector, non-governmental organizations, and academic and research institutions. The WSDS is also among the first international summits that will deliberate upon the plans and policies that will help in realizing the Sustainable Development Goals and the objectives of the Paris climate agreement adopted in 2015.

#### **About TERI**

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is a leading think tank dedicated to conducting research for sustainable development of India and the Global South. TERI was established in 1974 as an information centre on energy issues. However, over the following decades, it made a mark as a research institute, whose policy and technology solutions transformed people's lives and the environment. TERI's key focus lies in promoting clean energy, water management, pollution management, sustainable agriculture and climate resilience.

#### **GMR Airports Ltd (GAL)**

A subsidiary of GMR Infrastructure Ltd, is one of the largest airport developers in the world; handling more than 70 million passengers per annum both in India & Overseas. It has also bagged the rights to develop and operate Goa's Greenfield Mopa Airport. With a 64% stake, GMR's Delhi International Airport (Pvt) Limited (DIAL) manages and operates the Indira Gandhi International Airport at New Delhi currently handling around 48.4 million passengers per annum. With a 63% stake, GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL) manages and operates the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport at Hyderabad handling 12.5 million passengers per annum. With a 40% stake, the GMR Megawide Cebu Airport Corp (GMCAC), manages and operates the Mactan – Cebu International Airport at Cebu, Philippines currently catering to 8 million passengers per annum. Besides, developing and operating airports, GAL also has capabilities in various airport related businesses such as flight training, retail, duty free, cargo IT and other non-Aero activities. For further information about GMR Group, visit: <http://www.gmrgroup.in>.

#### **About Delhi International Airport (P) Limited (DIAL)**

The GMR Group led, Delhi International Airport (P) Ltd (DIAL) is a consortium; comprising of the GMR Group, Airports Authority of India and Fraport. The consortium has a mandate to finance, design, build, operate and maintain the Delhi Airport for 30 years with an option to extend it by another 30 years. Delhi Airport has been adjudged as World No. 1 Airport by Airports Council International's (ACI) for two successive years; 2014 & 2015 in the category of 25-40 million passengers per annum (mppa). DIAL completed the modernization of

Delhi's IGI Airport including the commissioning of Terminal 3 (T3) - India's largest building post-independence in a record time of 37 months. Delhi Airport is the leading Indian airport both in Passenger and Cargo capabilities, with an annual traffic of 48.4 mppa (2015-2016) and Cargo tonnage of 0.76 million tons in the same period.

DIAL lays strong emphasis on green sustainable technologies and has won numerous awards and recognitions for the environmental sustainability initiatives. For further information, visit: <http://www.newdelhairport.in>.

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