

Heli-India Summit

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Why is in news? Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurates 4th Heli-India Summit 2022

Minister of Civil Aviation, 0n 10th October, 2022, said that a **civil enclave will be built in Jamm**at a cost of Rs 861 crores and the Srinagar's present terminal will be expanded three times from 20,000 square meters to 60,000 square meters at a cost of Rs 1500 crores.

The minister said this while inaugurating 4th Heli-India Summit 2022 with the **theme 'Helicopters for last Mile Connectivity**' at Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Centre, Srinagar.

Also the minister praising PM Narendra Modi for bringing a revolution in the Civil Aviation sector in India from 2014 onwards, added the government is committed to increase the number to above 200 in the next few years.

The helicopters have **multifarious roles**, providing urban connectivity which is no more an elitist prerogative in India but is based on **PM Narendra Modi's vision 'Sab Ude, Sab Jude'**.

The other roles of helicopter service has been the emergency medical services and disaster management during floods, rescue operations etc.,

Heli-India Summit:Union Ministry of Civil Aviation organised country's **first ever helicopter summit** at Sahastradhara helidrome in Dehradun, capital of Uttarakhand in 2019.

The summit was based on theme of expanding connectivity through helicopters.

<u>Key Highlights of Summit Organiser</u>: The first-of-its-kind conclave, a **Helicopter Summit- 2019** was organised jointly by Civil Aviation Ministry, Uttarakhand government and Federation of Indian.

<u>HeliSewa portal</u>: Is fully online and being used by all operators for obtaining landing permissions to helipads, and it also is creating a database of helipads in the country.

<u>HeliDisha</u>: The guidance material on helicopter operations for State administration has been distributed to 780 districts.

<u>Helicopter Accelerator Cell</u>: Is fully active in resolving helicopter issues and the advisory group of industry representatives is helping identify problems areas.

<u>Project Sanjeevani</u>: By deploying a helicopter in the next few weeks to provide emergency medical services at AIIMS Rishikesh. The helicopter will be based at the hospital at 20 min notice and will have a service cover to an area of 150 km radius. It is the intention of the Govt to expand medical outreach and access to trauma care services to a wider population base across the country using the speed advantage and mobility of helicopters.

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