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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, On 10th October, 2022, said that a **civil enclave will be built in Jammu** 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**.

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

HeliSewa portal: 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.

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

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

Project Sanjeevani: 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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