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Rajahmundry Airport

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Why is in news? Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia lays foundation stone for new terminal building at Rajahmundry Airport

Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia, Minister for Civil Aviation and Steel laid the foundation stone for new terminal building at Rajahmundry Airport.

The new terminal **aims for a 5-star GRIHA rating**, combining local art, culture, and sustainable design in a harmonious and environmentally conscious manner. The following are salient features:

Terminal ensures thermal insulation and energy efficiency.

LED lighting offers a vibrant and eco-friendly solution.

Rainwater harvesting system replenishing groundwater and reducing reliance on external water sources.

Sewage treatment plant enables recycled water for landscaping.

Designed to be energy efficient as enough provisions have been made for flow of natural light.

About:

Rajahmundry Airport is a domestic airport serving the city of Rajamahendravaram, Andhra Pradesh.

It is located at Madhurapudi, 16 km (9.9 mi) north from the city centre, on National Highway 516E.

During 1985–1994, it was **used by Vayudoot**.

It is heavily used by the helicopters of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and other government agencies for offshore oil exploration operations.

Rajahmundry is currently connected to three cities i.e., Hyderabad, Chennai, and Bengaluru, and handles 126 flight movements per week.

The new terminal building will meet the requirements of the airport as the existing infrastructure was not enough to meet the rapid growth in passenger traffic.

The expansion of the Terminal building on an additional area of 17,029 sqm has been done at a cost of Rs.350 Crore. After the expansion, the total area of the Terminal Building will be 21,094 sqm. This expansion will help to serve 2100 passengers during peak hours and 30 lakh passengers annually.

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