

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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AIRPORTS UPKEEP PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have launched a new programme called the `National Airports Upkeep Initiative`;
- (b) if so, the details of this project;
- (c) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has not been maintaining the airports and related facilities in a professional manner; and
- (d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to bring about a change in work ethos in the AAI?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a part of new initiatives, 24 airports namely, Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai; Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi; Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata; Goa, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bhubaneswar, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Jammu, Trivandrum, Aurangabad, Calicut, Guwahati, Agartala, Coimbatore, Amritsar, Varanasi, Lucknow, Patna, Pune, Ranchi, Jaipur and Udaipur Airports have been identified for improving aesthetics and upkeep of terminal building and cityside. Various schemes for improving general cleanliness, toilets, flooring, signages, lighting, interior decoration, trollies, air-conditioning and horticulture have been formulated for expeditious implementation at these airports. The progress of implementation of various schemes in these airports is closely monitored on monthly basis.

(c) No, Sir. However, `Airports Improvement Initiatives` shall further improve the maintenance of airports and related facilities.

(d) Airports Authority of India regularly conducts training courses at National Institute of Aviation Management & Research to improve the work ethos. Further, training programmes have also been organized at airports to inculcate better service-oriented attitude.