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Delhi Airport emerges as major hub for import & distribution of medical essentials

- *Delhi Airport has been handling around 20-22 cargo flights per day*
- *DIAL creates a unique 3800 Sq mt dedicated distribution facility at Delhi Airport*
- *Provides logistics support for distribution of such consignments to various parts of India*
- *Delhi Airport made unique arrangement to hold the import cargo ULDs in the vacant Export zones*

New Delhi, April 23, 2020: Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) today announced that the Ministry of Civil Aviation has designated Delhi Airport as major hub for Import and distribution of COVID-19 related medical essentials.

Ever since the pandemic started gripping India, Delhi Airport is providing all the logistics support to handle, process and facilitate distribution of such consignments arriving at the airport to various parts of the country.

A 3800 sq mt unique dedicated distribution facility has been made operational at Delhi Airport by DIAL within a record time of seven days. This facility performs logistics, aggregation and distribution of large consignments of Medical supplies, which are being imported to India. At this facility the first shipment comprising of 24 MT cargo arrived on 21st April 2020 having 70,000 protective suits. The same is getting processed and aggregated at this distribution facility after sanitization of each box. Further, the same will be distributed to various parts of the country. Several such consignments are scheduled to flow in and get processed through Delhi Airport in the coming days comprising body suits, face mask, hand gloves and goggles.

The airport has continued to exhibit an exemplary flexibility to support the country during the COVID pandemic. Despite the lockdown imposed to help contain the spread of coronavirus, the state-of-the-art facilities at Delhi's Air Cargo terminal has been operating 24x7 to support the country in handling and processing essential commodities, especially healthcare and medical supplies. The staff of all the stakeholders like Cargo Terminal Operators (CELEBI and DCSC), ground handling teams, Customs/ CISF officials, agents/ forwarders, etc. are all working tirelessly to effectively manage the cargo operations by following all guidelines of social distancing, temperature check, sanitization of the premises and robust health precautions.

Commenting on this the CEO-DIAL, **Videh Kumar Jaipurjar**, said: ***"We are honoured to be designated as the major hub for import and distribution of medical essentials at this time of crisis by Ministry of Civil Aviation. Even during the lockdown, Delhi Airport is functioning 24*7 to handle the International and domestic cargo movements for essential commodities including healthcare and medical supplies and it continues to stand committed to serve the nation by working closely with all its stakeholders. At DIAL, we provide world class***

services by playing a critical role in overall air cargo supply chain. Delhi Airport is the gateway of choice for trade connectivity.”

So far over 20 lakh pieces of face masks, 2 Lakh bottles of sanitizers, 70,000 body suits, 1.5 lakh PPE kits and 50,000 other medical equipment have been channelized across India through Delhi Airport.

With support of Indian Customs and CISF, Delhi Airport has also been able to implement a unique arrangement to hold the Import cargo ULDs in the vacant Export zones by using ETVs, which helps utilize Export bonded area for storage of upto 152 no. of ULD shipments of Import cargo while ensuring necessary separation, much in line with international best practices.

Continued support from all stakeholders have resulted in clearance of more than 1800 MT of Import cargo from the Cargo Terminals during the last weeks thereby ensuring least hindrance to the normal operations at cargo terminals during ongoing lockdown conditions.

Delhi Airport has been handling around 20-22 cargo flights per day (including non-scheduled operations), with freighters operating between various destinations like Doha, Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Incheon, etc. In addition to the Cargo flights, Delhi Airport is also handling 3-4 chartered aircraft movements per day for handling medical equipment & relief material to and from various destinations like Patna, Varanasi, Guwahati, Nagpur, Vadodra, etc.

The distribution of essential cargo across India has been made possible through various freighter flights of Air India, SpiceJet and Indian Air Force Life Line, which have connected even to far flung areas of north east like Dimapur in Nagaland and Imphal in Manipur, as well as other cities like Mumbai, Bangalore, Vijayawada, Cochin and Hyderabad etc.

About DEL Cargo

With two state-of-the-art Integrated Cargo Terminals and Trans-shipment Excellence Centre at the airside that helps in smooth and efficient movement of cargo, Delhi airport is by the far a preferred transshipment hub for the region.

Delhi Airport is the first Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) certified airport by Indian Customs, and also the first to receive e-AWB 360 (e-Airways Bill 360) certification from IATA (International Air Transport Association) for achieving 100% e-freight compliant processes.

The Cargo Terminals of Delhi Airport has the capacity to handle over 1.8 million MT of cargo annually, which is scalable to 2.3 million MT. It has 12 dedicated freighter parking bays, the only Airport India to have these many bays, and is capable to handle the heaviest and largest Freighter Aircraft.

Delhi airport has a world-class dedicated temperature control facility to ensure end-to-end temperature controlled supply chain. The facility can handle around 1.5 lakh MT perishable and pharma cargo annually.

Delhi Airport also houses largest On-Airport Warehousing Logistics Facilities with more than 3 lakh sqft warehouse space in close vicinity to Cargo Terminals; for the use by Freight Forwarders and Logistics companies thus bringing efficiency to the Air cargo supply chain.

In FY'19, the airport achieved a new milestone of handling over 1 million MT cargo, the highest volume of cargo handled by any airport in India in a year.

About DIAL

The GMR Group led, Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) is a consortium; comprising of 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. It has truly proven to be a shining example of Public Private Partnership (PPP). The Airport has been adjudged as the best airport by size and region (over 40 MPPA in Asia Pacific) by Airports Council International (ACI) in the Airport Service Quality Program for 2019. 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.

The Passenger Terminals managed by DIAL are recognized for their state-of-the-art infrastructure, design and operational efficiency. T3 serves as a hub for many carriers and has truly redefined the way Indian passengers fly. Delhi Airport is a leading Indian airport both in Passenger and Cargo capabilities with an annual traffic of 69.8 mppa in 2018. DIAL lays strong emphasis on green sustainable technologies and has won numerous awards and recognitions for the environmental sustainability initiatives. For further details visit <http://www.newdelhiairport.in/>

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