

Decisions taken by the Union Cabinet

- **Cabinet approves Agreement between India and Morocco on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Agreement between India and Morocco on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.

The Agreement will provide a broad legal framework for bilateral cooperation between India and Morocco in investigation and prosecution of crime, tracing, restraint, forfeiture or confiscation or proceeds and instruments of crime. It aims to increase effectiveness in investigation and prosecution of crime, and in providing the necessary peaceful ambience which is a pre-requisite for the development of society as a whole. It will further be instrumental in gaining better inputs and insights in the modus operandi of organized criminals and terrorists, which in turn can be used to fine-tune policy decisions in the field of Internal Security.

- **Cabinet approves renaming of Jharsuguda Airport, Odisha as "Veer Surendra Sai Airport, Jharsuguda"**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved renaming of Jharsuguda Airport, Odisha as "Veer Surendra Sai Airport, Jharsuguda"

Benefits:

Veer Surendra Sai is a well-known freedom fighter of Odisha. Renaming of the Jharsuguda airport in his name will fulfill long-pending demand of the Odisha Government, which reflects the sentiments of the local public of the respective area. It will also be a befitting tribute to the contribution of the revered personality associated with the State.

- **Cabinet apprised of MoU between India and the Russian Federation for the development of cooperation in transport education; and MoC between India and the Joint Stock Company "Russian Railways" on technical cooperation in the field of railways**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been apprised of the following two instruments, namely, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC), with Russia on 5th October, 2018:

- ✓ MoU with the Ministry of Transport of the Russian federation for the development of cooperation in transport education for the development of cooperation in transport education.
- ✓ MoC with the Joint Stock Company "Russian Railways" (RZD) on technical cooperation in the field of railways.

The MoUs/ MoCs provide a platform for Indian Railways to interact and share the latest developments and knowledge in the railway sector. The MoUs/ MoCs facilitate exchange of technical experts, reports and technical documents, training and seminars/ workshops focusing on specific technology areas and other interactions for knowledge sharing.

The MoU will envisage cooperation in the priority areas for the development of transport education. This would enable preparation of specific proposals in this area including their implementation within the framework of the Intergovernmental Russian-Indian Commission on Trade-Economic, Scientific-Technical and Cultural cooperation.

The MoC will enable technical cooperation in the following areas:-

- Implementation of the project for upgrading the Nagpur- Secunderabad section to raise passenger trains speed up to 200 kmph (Semi High Speed) with possible extension of the section including other directions of Indian Railway (IR) network;
- Implementation of a Single Traffic Control Center to manage mixed traffic at the regional level, divisional railway and/ or at the upper network level uniting all the IR's zonal railways;
- Customization, organization of joint manufacture and implementation of a competitive signaling and interlocking system

- **Cabinet approves MoU between India and Korea for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Korea for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism.

The main objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding are:

- To expand bilateral cooperation in tourism sector
 - To increase Exchange of information and data related to tourism
 - To encouraging cooperation between tourism stakeholders including Hotels and Tour Operators
 - To establish exchange programmes for cooperation in Human Resources Development
 - To encourage Investment in the Tourism and Hospitality sectors
 - To exchange visits of Tour Operators / Media / Opinion Makers for promotion of two-way tourism
 - To exchange experience in the areas of promotion, marketing destination development and management
 - To encourage participation in travel fairs/exhibitions in each other's country and
 - Promoting safe, honorable and sustainable tourism.
- **Cabinet approves moving a Resolution in the first Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for amending the Framework Agreement of the ISA for opening up the ISA membership to all countries that are members of the United Nations**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given ex-post facto approval for moving a Resolution in the first Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for amending the Framework Agreement of the ISA for opening up the ISA membership to all countries that are members of the United Nations.

Benefits:

Opening the membership of the ISA will put solar energy in global agenda with the universal appeal for developing and deploying solar energy. It will make ISA inclusive, whereby all member countries that are members of the United Nations could become member. Expanding membership will lead to ISA initiative benefitting the world at large.

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