



Deoghar Airport Becomes the First Airport in the Country to Land Commercial Aircraft in Low Visibility | Jharkhand | 18 Nov 2023

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On November 16, 2023, DGCA issued a press release stating that Deoghar Airport has become the first airport in the country to land a commercial aircraft even in a visibility of just 3200 meters. Special VFR operations are being started for commercial flights for the first time from Deoghar Airport.

Key Points

- According to DGCA, special VFR operations mark a paradigm shift in airline service, which will eliminate the problem of flight delays and cancellations due to low visibility. It will also pave the way for increasing connectivity for other such small airfields, which will also give a boost to the UDAN project.
- Now A-320 aircraft with a capacity of 180 passengers will be able to land easily at Deoghar Airport in visibility of 3200 meters. There will also be take off visibility of 3600 meters. Also, ATR-72 aircraft with a capacity of 78 passengers will be able to land in a visibility of 2800 meters and take off in a visibility of 3200 meters.
- It may be noted that the plane was not able to land at Deoghar Airport in the first five thousand visibility, due to which many flights were cancelled. Now special VFR operations are being started for commercial flights for the first time.
- Control zone and approach control unit were established at Deoghar for VFR operation. During this period, special training was given to pilots and ATC officers. After the training, the aircraft was trialled in low visibility at Deoghar Airport without passengers to establish procedures and coordination between airline operators, pilots, ATC and Air Force. After finding this trial completely satisfactory, DGCA has approved landing and takeoff special VFR at Deoghar Airport.



Now in Jharkhand, Buying and Selling of CNT Land Can be Done on the Basis of District and Police Station Area of 1950 | Jharkhand | 18 Nov 2023

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In the meeting of the Tribal Advisory Council (TAC) chaired by Chief Minister Hemant Soren on November 16, 2023, under the CNT Act, the districts and police stations that existed within the state on January 26, 1950, will be considered as districts and police stations. Under Section 46, approval was given for the purchase and sale of land.

Key Points

- It may be noted that in 1950, there were only 7 districts in the Jharkhand region of undivided Bihar. Santhal Pargana, Hazaribagh, Ranchi, Palamu, Manbhum, Dhanbad and Singhbhum. If the government moves forward on the TAC proposal, then after the division of these districts, people of the districts will also be able to purchase land in different districts as per the provisions of the CNT Act.
- Presently 24 districts have been formed by dividing these districts. In such a situation, the scope of buying and selling of land between SC and OBC categories under CNT will increase.
- What can happen next in the case of CNT Act-
 - The TAC can prepare a unanimous proposal after taking opinion from legal experts and send it to the state government.
 - The TAC will not refer the matter to the Governor, as the Governor is separated from the TAC.
 - Under the Fifth Schedule, the custodian of the TAC is the Governor, but the state government has prepared new rules.
 - If the government makes any amendment in the CNT Act, it will have to be passed by the Assembly. It can be given concrete shape only after it is passed by the Assembly.

