

## IndiGo commences Colombo operations today

- *Bandaranaike International Airport welcomes IndiGo flight 6E-1202 (Chennai-Colombo) with water cannon salute*
  - *6E to operate daily flights from Chennai and Bengaluru*

**National, January 20, 2018:** In its endeavour to strengthen its growing network, IndiGo, India's largest and fastest growing carrier today commenced its operations in Colombo, Sri Lanka. With touch-down of 6E-1202 (Chennai-Colombo) on Saturday, January 20th at Bandaranaike International Airport; Colombo became its 8th international and 49th overall destination on IndiGo's ever growing network.

In an inaugural ceremony held today at Bandaranaike International Airport, the maiden flight was welcomed with the traditional water cannon salute followed by a ribbon cutting. Dignitaries present at the event included **Mr. Johanne Jayaratne, Executive Director – Airport and Air Services, Sri Lanka;** **Mr. Rayhan Wannappa, Deputy Director (Air Transport & Economic Regulations) – Civil Aviation Authority, Sri Lanka;** **Mr. Dushy Jayaweera, Regional Director – Hemas Aviation Pvt. Ltd.;** **Mr. Imtiaz Esufally, Group Director – Hemas Holdings PLC;** **Capt Ashim Mitra, VP Flight Operations, IndiGo;** **Mr. Charnel Dsouza, Director - Airport Operations, Western India and Middle East, IndiGo** and **Mr. Ajay Jasra, Director Corporate Communications, IndiGo** amongst others.

Both corporate and leisure passengers travelling to and from Colombo will get the opportunity to experience on-time, affordable and a hassle-free travel experience that IndiGo is synonymous with. These new flights will further consolidate IndiGo's position as the fastest growing airline in India with over 150 Airbus A320 and three ATR aircraft strong fleet, operating over 1000 daily flights, connecting 49 destinations.

Commenting on the launch, **Capt Ashim Mitra, VP Flight Operations, IndiGo** said, *"IndiGo is delighted to commence its new daily services to and from Colombo. These new connections will not only boost corporate and leisure travel but will also contribute to significant growth in cross border trade and commerce. We are hopeful that these new flights will provide affordable and unmatched travel experience to our passengers across the country and beyond."*

**Mr. Malinga Arsakularatne, Managing Director of Hemas Leisure Travel Aviation Group (IndiGo's GSA)** added, *"We are honoured to partner with IndiGo in strengthening tourism to and fro India. Together, we can create benefits for travellers and shareholders. We are confident that the team at Hemas Aviation would deliver the growth ambitions of the airline."*

The new flight schedule is as follows:

Flight No	Departure	Dept Time	Arrival	Arrv Time	W.E.F.
6E 1201	Chennai	6:55	Colombo	8:15	20-Jan-18
6E 1202	Colombo	9:15	Chennai	11:00	20-Jan-18
6E 1203	Chennai	12:00	Colombo	13:25	20-Jan-18
6E 1206	Colombo	14:25	Bengaluru	15:55	20-Jan-18
6E 1205	Bengaluru	18:00	Colombo	19:30	20-Jan-18
6E 1204	Colombo	20:30	Chennai	21:55	20-Jan-18

About IndiGo

IndiGo is India's largest airline with a market share of 39% as of November 2017. IndiGo is one of the fastest growing low cost carrier in the world (source: CAPA). IndiGo has a simple philosophy: offer fares that are always low, flights that are on time, and a travel experience that is courteous and hassle-free. IndiGo, with a Technical Dispatch Reliability of 99.84% (September, 2017) has one of the best On Time Performances in India. With its fleet over 150 Airbus A320 family aircraft and 3 ATRs, the airline operates over 1000 daily flights connecting 49 destinations.

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