AV-29017/42/2021-SDIT-MOCA
Government of India
Ministry of Civil Aviation

Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi
04 Aug 2021

**Subject: Conditional exemption from Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules, 2021 to National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER), Bhubaneswar for conducting aerial survey and photogrammetry of centrally protected monuments in collaboration with Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) using drones**

1. Whereas, NISER ('the Applicant') had, vide email dated 13 July 2021 sought an exemption from UAS Rules, 2021 for the afore-mentioned purpose.
2. Whereas, based on the undertaking provided by the Applicant, approval of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) shall be obtained by the Applicant from Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for the afore-mentioned purpose.
3. Now, therefore, the Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 70 of the UAS Rules, 2021, grants conditional exemption from UAS Rules, 2021 to the Applicant for the afore-mentioned purpose. This exemption shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the said SOP and shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of approval of the said SOP or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

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10. Chairman, Airports Authority of India (AAI), New Delhi
11. PS to HMoSCA (IC), Ministry of Civil Aviation, New Delhi
12. Sr. PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, New Delhi
13. National Informatics Centre (NIC) team, Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi
14. Digital Sky Platform

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**List of locations of National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER) approved for drone operations**

1. Raja-Rani temple, Bhubaneswar
2. Lingaraj temple, Bhubaneswar

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