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PRESS RELEASE

**Sub: Madurai Airport would function round the clock (24 X 7 hrs.)
from start of winter 2024 season (by the end of October, 2024)
- persistent efforts put forth by Agro Food Chamber have
yielded required result - Press Release - for favour of
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Agro Food Chamber of Commerce & Industry is extremely happy over the communication sent to all the Airlines by the Airports Authority of India, that effective from start of the winter 2024 season (by the end of October, 2024) Madurai Airport would be operational round the clock (24 X 7 hrs.) and encouraging the air-liners to take advantage of the available slots during night time hours to enhance operational efficiency. The office bearers of Agro Food Chamber of Commerce & Industry under the leadership of its President Thiru S.Rethinavelu met the Chairman of Airports Authority of India Shri M.Suresh during his visit to Madurai on 1st Sep and insisted for round the clock operations of Madurai Airport, which currently operates from 0655 hrs. to 2125 hrs. 1ST only, enabling the Airport to get more international connectivity during night hours leading to the economic development of southern districts of Tamilnadu by the growth of trade, industry, export, tourism and medical tourism. Giving a patient hearing Shri M.Suresh assured to do the needful in consultation with the Civil Aviation Minister. We are happy and profusely thank the Civil Aviation Minister Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu and the Chairman of Airports Authority of India for making this announcement. Our Agro Food Chamber's persistent efforts have yielded required result.

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Madurai Airport has got all infrastructure for night landing and take-off. Shortly Air India Express may introduce mid-night direct flight to Kuala Lumpur. Considering the potentiality of passengers who prefer Madurai Airport to undertake international travelling, we from Agro Food Chamber request *IndiGo Airlines* to make Madurai as their hub for international and domestic operations. Further we request low-cost Airliner *Akasa Air* to have more domestic connectivity from Madurai to the advantage of the travelling public.

We sincerely hope that the other two demands insisted by Agro Food Chamber to the Chairman, AAI, viz., upgrading the status of Madurai Airport as an International Airport and including Madurai Airport as a point of call in the Bi-lateral Airport Services Agreement (BASA) with neighbouring Countries, enabling the air-liners of those Countries to operate direct flights to Madurai would be also acceded to shortly.

Regards,
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