

e-BCAS project

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In news—The Minister of Civil Aviation has said that in order to facilitate e-governance and automation of internal processes the ministry is mulling over the implementation of the e-BCAS project.

What is the e-BCAS project?

- The 'e-BCAS' project envisaged to achieve a “paperless office” under e-Governance **for automation of internal processes.**
- It is aimed at facilitating external stakeholders to access the **Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)** system by digital automation of all internal office procedures.
- In 2016, the project was approved by the MoCA at an estimated cost of Rs.21.69 crore.
- This is an **online platform for facilitation of stakeholders.**
- It will leverage strengths of existing processes and organization structure, with the objective to make entire activities transparent, user-friendly and efficient.
- It will **digitize the office processes, facilitate fast approvals, and ensure ease of doing business, by technological integration** across various divisions and processes.
- BCAS establishes, develops, implements, maintains and **reviews the National Aviation Security programme.**
- It also **safeguards civil aviation operations** against the acts of unlawful interference and threat, taking into account the safety, regularity and efficiency of flights.

Other initiatives-

- **Under the e-Sahaj module, issuance of security clearance will be provided.**
- The Module involves online testing and effective supervision on quality of training being imparted.
- The **Centralized Access Control System (CACS)** deals with online system for Bio-metric Aerodrome entry permit and vehicle entry permit.
- It will regulate access of employees of approved Government and private entities and authorized vehicles across zones at airports.
- **The e-Security programme** is the single window facility for security programme approvals.
- The **e-Quality control module** is for security audit and security inspection of airports.
- The 3 modules – e-Sahaj, CACS and e-training have been completed and launched.
- The e-Security module is likely to be completed by June 2022 and e-Quality control programme is likely to be completed by August this year.