

Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi  
23 Aug 2021

**Subject: Conditional exemption from Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules, 2021 to Survey of India (Sol) for conducting drone-based aerial survey of large scale mapping projects**

1. Whereas, Sol ("the Applicant") had, vide email dated 27 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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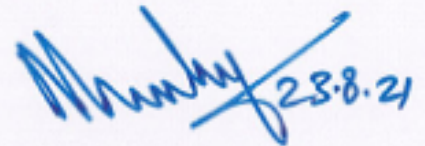
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11. PS to HMoSCA (IC), Ministry of Civil Aviation, New Delhi
12. Sr. PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, New Delhi
13. National Informatics Centre (NIC) team, Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi
14. Digital Sky Platform

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**List of locations of Survey of India (Sol) approved for drone operations**

1. Adyar, Cooum, Kovalam, Kosasthalaiyar, Araniyar, Nagariyar and Nadhiyar sub-basins for real time flood forecasting and spatial decision support system (RTFF & SDSS) in Chennai basin
2. Large scale mapping project undertaken along the Indo-Nepal border in strip map 42 Part - I
3. Large scale mapping of Andhra Pradesh
4. Large scale mapping of Haryana
5. Large scale mapping of Karnataka
6. Preparation of digital elevation model (DEM) for Jhelum and Tawi Basin in J&K (UT), Jhelum and Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP)
7. Punjab Municipal Infrastructure Development Corporation (PMIDC) Project to prepare GIS of urban properties across Punjab



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