

Pakyong, March 5:(IPR) First fixed wing aircraft of IAF Dornier 228(19 seater) successfully landed at Pakyong today.

The Chief Secretary, Shri A.K.Shrivastava said, " This is a historic day for the state of Sikkim when the Dornier 288 aircraft (19 seater) landed successfully at 3:25 pm at Pakyong Airport today. This was possible after several attempts over the last few days and the aircraft came from Guwahati.

Another flight by the same aircraft will be possible in about ten days time. The aircraft came close to ATC and it was learnt that all the systems were working well. One flight of Spice Jet is expected to land on 10th March 2018. This 70 seater plane is likely to bring high ranking officials of AAI and DGCA. Attempts are also being made from May 2000 to construct a Civilian Aerodrome in Sikkim so the landing of date assumes immense significance," he added.

Airport Director, Pakyong Airport stated, "after making several trail low pass over runway on 28th Feb, today IAF made-up all possibility to land though the visibility was not that clear. My entire team of AAI, Pakyong has made it succellful with the help of district authorities. This is the beginning of aviation connectivity for Sikkim and I thank all help and support being extended by Ministry & district authorities for this success."

