

Biman does major Dreamliner maintenance work at home, saves BDT 5 crore

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Dhaka : Biman Bangladesh Airlines for the first time has carried out a major maintenance work of the state-of-the-art Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft called C-check in the country with its management.

"It will save around USD 6 lac [over BDT 5 crore] for Biman for each of the aircraft," State Minister for Civil Aviation Md Mahbub Ali said while speaking at a function held at the airline's headquarter Balaka in the capital on September 5.

The programme was organised to mark the successful completion of the C-check of Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner.

Also, the pilots and cabin crews of Biman who have operated flights to repatriate stranded Bangladeshis from Wuhan, China at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic were awarded on the occasion.

C-Check is a long-term, complex and high-tech check to make the aircraft airworthy after detailed inspection by unveiling the aircraft's various infrastructure.

This maintenance check is much extensive, requiring a majority of the aircraft's components to be inspected. C-check is usually carried out in a hangar at a maintenance base.

Mahbub Ali said in the past Biman had to spend lots of foreign currency to complete a C-check in different countries.

From now on, the successful completion of C-check in the country will save an estimated USD 6 lac per aircraft.

The C-check of Boeing-787-8 Dreamliner has to be completed every three years.

Following this, Biman started the first C-check of a Dreamliner "Akashveena" on August 17 which was successfully completed within 10 days.

The C-check of another Dreamliner will be completed this year and four more Dreamliner in the next year which will save USD 3-4 million.

Mahbub Ali said very few airlines in the world have the capability to C-check modern aircraft like the Dreamliner.

Earlier, Biman carried out a C-check of its aircraft through foreign MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul Organisation) in Germany, Italy or Singapore.

"Completing of Dreamliner's C-check with its own manpower and management is a shining example of increasing Biman's capacity," he said.

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Biman, Sajjadul Hasan; Secretary, Civil Aviation Ministry, Mokammel Hossain, among others, also addressed the event.