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1. Drones are not allowed to be operated in Permanent or Temporary Prohibited and Restricted area.
2. Issuance of Unique Identification Number (UIN) from DGCA is required for operation of drones weighing more than 250 gm.
3. Drones which are less than 250 gm in weight can fly up to 50 feet (15 meter) only above the ground level and only in uncontrolled airspace. These drones do not require UIN.
4. For import or local purchase of drones, Equipment Type Approval is required from Department of Telecommunications for operating in de-licensed frequency bands.
5. For operating drones weighing more than 250 gm and less than 2 Kg, only in uncontrolled airspace, user shall intimate to Local Police Office (Police Stations) 24 hrs prior to conduct of actual operations.
6. All Drone operations (except in enclosed premises) are restricted to day only (between sunrise and sunset) and only within Visual Line of Sight.
7. Operations of drones are totally restricted in the following area, without due permissions:
   a. Within 3 Kms from perimeter of any civil, defence, or private airport.
   b. Permanent or Temporary Prohibited and Restricted area.
   c. Beyond 500 m (horizontal) into sea from coast line
   d. Within 3 kms from perimeter of military installations.
   e. Within 2 km from perimeter of vital/strategic installations notified by MHA.
   f. Within 3 Km radius of State Secretariat.
   g. From a mobile vehicle.

Violations of regulatory procedures can lead to a) suspension/ cancellation of UIN; actions as per sections of Aircraft act 1934 or Aircraft Rules, c) Prosecution under 287, 336, 337, 338 and other relevant sections of the IPC.
Some important Do’s and Don’ts for Drone operations:-

Do’s

- Ensure that your Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) or Drone (except those less than 250 gm and operate in uncontrolled airspace upto 50 ft.) is Digital Sky "No Permission- No Take off" (NPNT) Compliant.
- Obtain Unique Identification Number (UIN) from DGCA for operating in controlled airspace.
- Obtain Unmanned Aircraft Operator Permit (UAOP), if applicable, from DGCA for commercial operations and keep it handy.
- Obtain permission before each flight through Digital Sky Platform
- Ensure your Drone is in good condition (not damaged) and fit for flying safely.
- Fly only during daylight (after sunrise to before sunset).
- Fly in good weather.
- Fly in Visual Line of Sight (VLOS): Always be within visual range of your Drone.
- Follow Flying Guidelines.
- Be aware of Airspace Restrictions/ No Drone Zones.
- Do stay away from Airports and Heliports.
- Respect privacy of people.
- Keep Local Police informed about your Drone flying activity. If you are ever approached by Police, provide all requisite information.
- Do log your flights and intimate concerned authorities (like DGCA, Local Police etc.) of any incidents/accidents.

Don’ts

- Don’t fly drone of wt less than 250 gm to height above 50 ft (15m) from the ground level.
- Don’t fly Drones over groups of people, public events, or stadiums full of people without permission.
- Don’t fly Drones over Government facilities/Military bases or over/near any No-Drone zones.
- Don’t fly Drone over private property unless permission is given.
- Don’t fly Drone in controlled airspace near airports without filing flight plan or AAI/ADC permission (at least 24 hours before actual operation).
- Don’t drop or carry hazardous material in Drones.
- Don’t fly Drone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Don’t fly Drone from a moving vehicle, ship or aircraft.