



AAI Chairman awarded for 'Excellence in Development of Airport Infrastructure in India'

V. P. Agrawal, Chairman, AAI was awarded for 'Excellence in Development of Airport Infrastructure in India' at 'Today's Traveller Awards'. The event was held on August 30, 2013 in New Delhi and attended by Oscar Fernandes, Minister of Road Transport and Highways.

The award on behalf of Chairman, AAI, was received by G.K. Chaukiyal, Member (Operations).



Navaz takes charge of CIAL Air Cargo Complex

S. A. S. Navaz, Deputy Commissioner of Customs has taken charge of the Air Cargo Complex, Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) from September 1, 2013. He will also hold additional charge of Air Customs (Administration) and Air Intelligence Unit. He replaces Deputy Commissioner C. Madhavan and Assistant Commissioner, Anil Kumar.

Rupee devaluation results in steep hike in ATF

The Rupee devaluation has forced public sector oil marketing companies (PSU-OMCs) to hike Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices by a steep 6.9%. ATF price at Delhi was hiked by Rs 4,827.94 per kilolitre (kl), or 6.87%, to Rs 75,031.09 per kl. The increase has been effected from September 1, 2013. ATF constitutes over 40% of an airline's operating costs.

Development of 100 low-cost airports on the anvil

The government is waking up to the need for increasing regional connectivity to boost development and has planned a whopping 100 new low-cost airports to be set up by 2014, K.N. Srivastava, Secretary, Union Ministry of Civil Aviation said, "The Airport Authority of India, would set up the low-cost airports in 50 cities in Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra."

The Centre is planning to invest over \$120 billion in the development of airports infrastructure (construction of new airports, expansion and modernization of existing airports) and development of low-cost airports across the country.

To stimulate the air connectivity, airlines are expected to add around 370 aircrafts, worth \$27.5 billion, to their fleet by the year 2017, said Mr Srivastava. Moreover, it is estimated that commercial fleet size shall reach 1000 from present 400 by 2020.



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