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FOCUS: AIR CARGO

SPECIAL FEATURE

**Reaching for
the Skies**



CARGO ASSOCIATION:

TOGETHER WE SOAR

**Ground
Reality**

**Clipped Wings of
Dedicated Freighter**

**Indian Airports
await 'Acche Din'**

**Opening the Skies
for Air Charters**



AAI pioneers cargo-friendly airports

• Safe and secure cargo at cargo terminals

- Automation/Mechanization of cargo handling activities at AAI managed airports.
- Augmentation of Infrastructure at Chennai & Kolkata Airport with state-of-the-art facilities like Elevated Transfer Vehicle (ETV) for Export Unitized Cargo and Automated Storage & Retrieval System (AS & RS) for import cargo.
- Appointed Ground Handling Agency to improve service levels at airports.
- Implementation of EDI under Customs ICES 1.5 version at Chennai & Kolkata Air Cargo Terminals.
- AAI is in the process of establishing pharma zone at Chennai & Aurangabad Airports.
- AAI is in the process of obtaining Regulated Agent (RA) Status and RA3 status for Chennai & Kolkata Airports.
- Provision of e-warehouse for e-commerce entities and express cargo handling counter are in the pipeline at various airports.
- Commissioned international air cargo handling facility at Trichy, Mangalore Airports and proposed at Madurai Airport. Work awarded to an agency by AAI to commission Int'l Cargo facility at Vizag. Airport

• First in paperless transaction for cargo operation through web-based EDI mode

- Benchmarking parameters for cargo operations vide Citizen Charter of AAI.
- AAI is also exploring the possibility of creating Free trade zone (FTZ) at its airports.
- Commissioned Common User Domestic Air Cargo Terminal (CUDCT) facility at Port Blair, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Lucknow (outbound), Vizag, Mangalore, Amritsar (interim), Madurai, Chennai airports and already work awarded for commissioning at Raipur, Indore & Ahmedabad Airports.
- Further, during the F.Y. 2015-16, plan to commission CUDCT at Goa, Aurangabad, Bhubaneswar, Kolkata, Ranchi and Trivandrum Airports.
- During the F.Y. 2016-17, plan to commission CUDCT at Pune, Guwahati, Varanasi, Srinagar, Surat, Vijayawada and Bagdogra airports.
- Plan to introduce Air Cargo Community System (ACS).
- Steps initiated towards e-banking/e-payment facility.
- Plan to commission international courier handling facilities at Trivandrum and Trichy airports apart from the existing facilities at Chennai & Kolkata airports.
- Frequency based incentive for Cargo Freighters introduced w.e.f. 01.01.2015 at Chennai & Kolkata airports apart from the existing 20% discount in export TSP charges for lean hour transaction by exporters.



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Chairman's Message

There being enormous potential for growth of air cargo in India, it is our endeavor to take advantage of the situation by providing the cargo facilities even at second tier cities in India which should also meet the principles of hub & spoke for overall development of all regions in India. It is with great sense of pride and satisfaction that I wish to say that AAI envisages to enter into the operation of handling the domestic cargo in a full-fledged manner which will also integrate the far flung areas and regions for development of air cargo, thus facilitate trade in the process. Accordingly, 24 airports across the country have been identified for this purpose. The objective being to create the basic infrastructure at AAI Airports having potential for air cargo growth by creating Common User Domestic-cum-Cargo Terminals. This would also get manifested in fulfilling the socio-economic responsibilities of developing the regions which have remained uncovered through air cargo movement.

AAI already has a vast reservoir of human resources in cargo handling who have the requisite expertise and experience in handling the cargo operations which could be effectively utilize for its old, redundant and under-utilized domestic passenger terminals by converting them in to a cargo facility after carrying out necessary modifications. AAI is also exploring to launch Air Freight Stations (AFS) Free Trade Zone (FTZ), e-Commerce facilities by optimally & judiciously utilizing the excess land available with AAI at off-airport and nearby-locations which is on the anvil. There is a move initiated by AAI for Corporatization of its Cargo handling services for AAI managed airports in the country, therefore, Good times for air cargo is looming large in the horizon.

AAI firmly believes that an open and constructive dialogue between global and national entities and between industry and regulators, will lead not only to mutual learning and understanding, but to a leaner, more agile, robust, effective and secure processes, driving wealth and welfare for the global population of to-day and generations of tomorrow.



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