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5TH ATS COORDINATION MEETING

The inaugural session of the fifth ATS Coordination Meeting of Bay of Bengal, Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean (BOBASIO/5) And Cross Border ATFM Workshop was held recently at Hotel Radisson Blu, New Delhi

The Chairman of the Airport Authority of India (AAI), RK Srivastava, IAS, speaking on the occasion of the inaugural session of the fifth ATS Coordination Meeting of Bay Of Bengal, Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean (BOBASIO/5) And Cross Border ATFM Workshop, held recently at Hotel Radisson Blu, New Delhi, gave a comprehensive overview of the Indian Aviation market, with a special focus on Air Transportation Management, Airport Management and Air Navigation Service Provision. He quoted eloquently from Tom Wilson, "Many of us are more capable than some of us, but none of us is as capable as all of us," which effectively summed up the BOBASIO group's purpose at hand and their quest to achieve super ordinate goals beneficial to the ultimate user the air traveller. He further emphasised the need for the service industry to "Look Local, but Go Global" and come together in harmonising procedures so that the benefits

are not minimally restricted to a few blocks of airspace, but transcends across seamless borders.

BOBASIO is an informal group recognised widely by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Asia Pacific Region as a very effective Collaborative Decision Making platform for the States including host India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Somalia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Oman and UAE. The international participation in this edition of the meeting includes Air Navigation Services experts from Seychelles, Somalia, Singapore, Thailand, Nepal and Maldives. In addition, industry partners representing the airline users are, IATA, Cathay Pacific and Space Based ADS-B service providers AIREON.

Domestic participation includes domain experts from the regulatory body DGCA, Indian Air Force, Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, India Meteorological Department, CNS and ATM



RK Srivastava, Chairman, AAI, addressing the gathering to launch the ATS Coordination meeting and Cross Border ATFM workshop at Hotel Radisson Blu, New Delhi. Also seen on the dias are PK Bandyopadhyay, Executive Director (CNS-P), AAI, David Rollo, Assistant Director, IATA, V Somasundaram, Member (ANS), AAI, and PK Mishra, Executive Director (ATM), AAI.

specialists from the four Indian Flight Information Regions, namely, Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai.

The Member (Air Navigation Services) V Somasundaram in his special address made a special mention of the progress made by India in the global arena in terms of aligning its ATM Plan with the Global Air Navigation Plan and the Aviation System Block Upgrades. He informed the audience that India is at the threshold of implementing Central Air Traffic Flow Management (CATFM) which will provide huge benefits to users in terms of reducing airborne delays.

AAI CONDUCTS SOFT SKILLS TRAINING

As a result of initiative taken by RK Srivastava, Chairman, Airports Authority of India (AAI), in order to improve customer satisfaction level at its Airports, AAI has tied up with National Productivity Council (NPC) for conducting of soft skills training for its officers and staff. Recently, the Training Programme was inaugurated at Indian Aviation Academy, New Delhi. In the first phase, nearly 5,000 employees shall be trained in the next one year.



Seen in the picture are Anuj Aggarwal, Member (HR) along with senior officers of AAI and NPC.