

# AAI PAYS DIVIDEND YET AGAIN

VP Agrawal, Chairman, AAI, presents a final Dividend Cheque to the Ministry of Civil Aviation  
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**A**AI is a leader in airport infrastructure and development. Infrastructure development directly affects a country's economic growth potential and the ability of an enterprise to engage effectively. Infrastructure is critical for the delivery of public services and economic development. Airports Authority of India (AAI) is a major airport operator and a leader in developing airport infrastructure along the length and breadth of the country, including remote and far flung areas. This august body came into existence with the merger of National Airports Authority and International Airports Authority of India. AAI is a Mini-Ratna Category 1 Public Sector Enterprise.

AAI manages 125 airports in the country, including 19 international airports (3 civil enclaves), 7 custom airports (4 civil enclaves), 80 domestic airports and 19 other civil enclaves. AAI also provides CNS-ATM facilities at all the civil airports in the country, and controls and manages the entire Indian airspace, covering 2.8 million square nautical miles, which includes 1.05 million square nautical miles on land and 1.75 million square nautical miles over the ocean.

VP Agrawal, Chairman, AAI, recently presented a final dividend cheque of Rs. 147 crore to Ajit Singh, Union Minister of Civil Aviation, in the illustrious presence of KN Srivastava, Secretary (Civil Aviation); Anil Srivastava, Joint Secretary; G Asok Kumar, Joint Secretary; M Kannan, Economic Advisor; and AAI Board Members KK Jha, Member (Human Resource); V Somasundaram, Member (Air Navigation Services); GK Chaukiyal, Member (Operations); and Rajesh Bhandari, Executive Director (Finance). Senior officers from the Ministry of Civil Aviation and AAI were also present on this occasion.

AAI is continuously engaged in the modernisation and upgradation of airport infrastructure, both metro and non-metro airports, including Tier-II and Tier-III cities. It has received several awards for its achievements, the most notable being:

- Two ATC Global Awards 2013 for Excellence in ANSP Management as well as for Strategic Advancement in Air Transport, Jane's International ATC Award 2012 for excellence in CNS / ATM service.



- Chennai Airport won Airport of the Year 2011 and 2012.
  - Kolkata Airport won Emerging Cargo Airport of the Year 2010.
  - Terminals at Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Trivandrum Airports were adjudged as winning entries during the national competition for Steel Structure by FICCI-INSDAG, Ministry of Steel, in 2011.
  - New Integrated Terminals at Bhopal and Indore were declared as first and second best buildings for its optimal design and quality of steel work execution by the Institute of Steel Development and Growth 2012 (INSDAG) under Ministry of Steel, Government of India, in competition with buildings constructed in the private sector.
  - Today's Traveller Award 2013 for Excellence in Development of Airport Infrastructure in India.
  - AAI has won six Engineering Excellence Awards for five of its airports, namely, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Raipur, Chennai and Ranchi, in various categories.
  - AAI has received Hospitality India Award in the category of "Best Infrastructure" for the year 2013.
- On the CSR front, AAI won:
- Golden Peacock Eco-Innovation Award 2012.
  - Times of India & Teflas FRAME CSR Award for 2012.
  - 3rd Asia Best CSR Practice Award 2013.
  - Pakyong Airport in Sikkim was selected Best Greenfield Airport by the Greentech Foundation.
  - AAI's Lounge Magazine received:
    - Best Magazine Award by Hospitality India for 2012.
    - Best Magazine Award by Hospitality India for 2013.
  - Most recently, AAI bagged the 2013/2014 India Pride Award for Excellence in Infrastructure and Development.