

AAI conducts one day Workshop on “Cyber Security in CNS/ATM Systems – Assessment and Mitigation Plans”

New Delhi, 5th August, 2014 : Airports Authority of India organized a one day workshop on “Cyber Security in CNS/ATM Systems – Assessment and Mitigation Plans” at AAI CHQ on 4th August 2014. Officers involved in operations and maintenance of automation and other network centric systems from various airports/stations participated in the workshop.

The workshop organized to deliberate cyber security concerns related specifically to CNS/ATM systems used for air traffic control and their mitigation measures thereof with a view to secure the Systems was inaugurated by Shri Alok Sinha, IAS, Chairman AAI and in his address he pointed out that AAI is part of the national critical transport infrastructure and needs to be protected. Sh. V. Somasundaram, Member (ANS) in his address added that the critical ANS infrastructure includes people, procedures, information, resources, facilities, and equipment which need to be safeguarded with respect to cyber-attacks. Mrs. Upma Shrivastava, CVO, AAI who was also present during the workshop appreciated the initiative and stressed the need to fast-track the process for development of cyber security policy.

CNS/ATM system infrastructure protection refers to the protection of the CNS/ATM system infrastructure through information and communication technology security, physical security, and personnel security. It also includes the provisions for continuity of service during an emergency or disasters. Facilities include control centres and airports. Equipment includes communications, navigation and surveillance (CNS), and information systems.

The one day workshop deliberated upon various vulnerabilities and threats faced by the CNS/ATM systems. The workshop could assess various threat actors and perceived threats based on which three committees were put in place to oversee the development of ANS cyber security policy, internal audit and mitigation plan for the Pan-India CNS/ATM systems and Implementation of the policy to mitigate the threats and to reduce the impact and provide continuous operations in line with government policy guidelines issued by NCIIPC and NTRO.

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Shri Alok Sinha, IAS, Chairman AAI inaugurated the one day workshop, 4th August, 2014 on "Cyber Security in CNS/ATM Systems – Assessment and Mitigation Plans"; seen in the picture is Shri V. Somasundaram, Member (ANS) discussing the issues immediately after the inauguration of the workshop.