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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE ON

31ST ANNUAL DAY



Dear Colleagues,

On the occasion of the 31st AAI Annual Day, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you for being integral members of a collective that has been guiding the future of Indian aviation and contributing to the rise of India for more than three decades.

India's civil aviation sector continues to expand at a remarkable pace, positioning itself among the leading aviation markets globally under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi ji. This growth is underpinned by progressive policy initiatives and a strong emphasis on enhancing connectivity across regions. Being the largest airport operator and the sole provider of Air Navigation Services in the country, AAI plays a pivotal role in supporting this transformation through the development of robust airport infrastructure and the modernization of air navigation systems to ensure safe, seamless, and efficient air travel.

Demonstrating its consistent performance, AAI has secured an 'Excellent' rating with a score of 93.21 under the MoU for 2024-25 with the Ministry of Civil Aviation. This achievement reflects the organization's sustained focus on operational excellence, service delivery, and effective implementation of strategic initiatives across its diverse portfolio.

During FY2025-26, the Government of India has launched multiple projects including operationalisation of new airports, new terminal buildings, and major airport infrastructure projects across various states in the country. To meet the growing demand in the aviation sector, New terminal buildings were dedicated to the nation at Patna, Datia, Satna, Tuticorin, Purnea, and Halwara. Foundation stone laid for developing of New Civil enclave and New Greenfield Airport at Bihta and Kota-Bundi.

With commitment to excellence, at AAI, we are investing significantly towards enhancing and expanding airport amenities, upgrading technologies and improvements in operational efficiency. Moreover, AAI has earmarked a capex of ₹25,000 crore from FY2024-25 to FY2028-29, with a vision to meet the anticipated demand in the upcoming years.

I am pleased to share that several key infrastructure projects are currently underway for capacity enhancement and regional connectivity. Airports at Dholera, Jammu, Vijayawada, Jodhpur, Rajahmundry, Belagavi, Hubballi, Kadapa, Darbhanga, and Agra are witnessing significant development, including new terminal buildings, expansion of existing infrastructure, and modernization of airside facilities. These initiatives are designed to cater to rising passenger demand and ensure seamless and efficient travel experience.

Enhancing passenger experience remains a central focus area. This year, AAI has introduced a range of passenger-centric initiatives aimed at improving convenience and inclusivity. Digi Yatra, now operational at 24 AAI airports, has enabled seamless and contactless travel through facial recognition technology, significantly reducing processing time. Initiatives such as AVSAR, Flybrary, free Wi-Fi services, and dedicated children's play zones are further enhancing comfort and accessibility for

passengers. Additionally, the introduction of UDAN Yatri Cafés at 16 AAI airports ensures availability of affordable and hygienic food options, making air travel more inclusive for all sections of society.

In alignment with the Government's vision of a cleaner and greener future, AAI is actively transforming its airports into environmentally sustainable hubs. Today, 94 AAI airports are operating on 100% green energy under the Sustainable Green Airports Mission (SUGAM). The induction of electric vehicles, supported by charging infrastructure, has also led to a substantial increase in EV adoption, reinforcing AAI's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint. Further, the implementation of Flexible Use of Airspace (FUA) has resulted in significant fuel savings of approximately ₹1,230 crores and a reduction of nearly 3,87,509 tonnes of CO₂ emissions, contributing to both operational efficiency and environmental conservation.

Recognizing that human capital is fundamental to sustained growth, AAI continues to invest in training and capacity building. The Civil Aviation Training College (CATC) has been instrumental in conducting specialized programmes for ATCOs, CNS engineers, AIS personnel, and other aviation professionals, thereby strengthening skilled manpower in Air Navigation Services. Further, AAI's partnership with Airports Council International (ACI) to facilitate AMPAP training for over 115 professionals over the next five years will help build global competencies in areas such as sustainability, safety, resilience, and innovation.

On the technological front, AAI is driving digital transformation across its operations. The recently launched Integrated Digital Monitoring Platform, anchored by the BIM-based Project Monitoring System, enables real-time project tracking, improved coordination, and data-driven decision-making. In addition, AAI is undertaking significant modernization of Air Navigation Services with an investment of ₹15,000 Crore, including deployment of advanced CNS/ATM systems, digital towers, and upgraded ATC infrastructure, thereby enhancing safety, efficiency, and service delivery in line with global best practices.

As we move forward, AAI remains committed to sustaining this growth momentum with a focus on innovation, sustainability, and excellence. With a clear vision aligned to the goal of Viksit Bharat@2047, I extend my sincere appreciation to all our employees and stakeholders for their unwavering dedication and support. Together, let us carry this momentum forward as we continue our journey of excellence and innovation.

Jai Hind!

Vipin Kumar
Chairman, AAI

