



Mr. V.P. Agrawal, Chairman AAI Welcoming the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh at a function to inaugurate the New International Terminal Building at Thiruvananthapuram Airport.

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NEW INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL BUILDING AT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM AIRPORT DEDICATED TO NATION TODAY BY HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA DR. MANMOHAN SINGH

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Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, inaugurated and dedicated the New International Terminal Building at Thiruvananthapuram Airport to the nation today in the august presence of His Excellency R.S. Gawai, Governor of Kerala, Shri V.S. Achuthanandan, Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Vayalar Ravi, Union Minister for Civil Aviation & Overseas Indian Affairs, & Shri A.K. Antony, Union Defence Minister.



Speaking on this occasion, the Hon'ble Prime Minister said that the present day government has laid due emphasis on enhancing the airport infrastructure in the country as Airports are considered gateways to the economic development of the nation. He also commended the Airports Authority of India and Ministry of Civil Aviation for building such an impressive and world class infrastructure for the air passengers. He further said that making terminal building and facilities more 'user friendly' is need of the hour as now a days airlines are giving competition to rail transportation attracting the general public towards air travel day by day.



Earlier, speaking on this occasion, Shri Vayalar Ravi, Union Minister of Civil Aviation & Overseas Indian Affairs said that the New International Terminal

Building at Thiruvananthapuram Airport spread over an area of approximately 32200 sqm with all the latest facilities is a very unique architectural feature. He expressed happiness that a long felt dream of people of Kerala has come true.

The New International Terminal Building built at a cost of ₹289 crores is a state of the art building which is designed as Steel Tabular shape structure having two portals connected with a top enclosure truss in a wave shape with – 30 check-in counters, 26 immigration counters, 11 customs booth, 4 pre-check in X-ray Machines, 3 aerobridges The new terminal building has annual handling capacity of 18 lakhs passengers. The city side of the building is having a capacity to park 780 cars.

Shri V.P. Agrawal, Chairman AAI earlier welcomed the Hon'ble Prime Minister and other distinguished guest by presenting bouquet. Airports Authority of India manages 115 airports including 23 civil enclaves From time to time AAI has been creating new Airport infrastructures and new facilities for the comfort and convenience of air travelers all over the country