

Shri Arvind Singh dons the mantle of AAI Chairman



Shri Arvind Singh, Maharashtra cadre IAS officer of 1988 batch, has assumed the charge of Chairman of AAI post his appointment to the post with effect from November 6, 2019. An alumnus from the Delhi School of Economics, Shri Arvind Singh, prior to his appointment as Chairman of AAI, was serving as Additional Chief Secretary

(Energy) with Maharashtra Government. He has also served as the Chairman and Managing Director of Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Ltd. and the Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. (MSETCL).

In a span of three decades, Shri Arvind Singh has served in various ministries including Commerce and Shipping and as Private Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture.

As Chairman, Shri Singh will lead the efforts to sync the AAI with its mission, vision and corporate plan so as to position the organization as one of the leading global air service providers in a fiercely competitive environment.

क्षेत्रीय मुख्यालय, उत्तरी क्षेत्र को 63 संगठनों के बीच सर्वाधिक राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन के लिए प्रथम पुरस्कार प्रदान किया गया



नराकास(उपक्रम-1) की 49वीं छमाही बैठक दिनांक 28 अगस्त, 2019 को भा.वि.प्रा. के अधिकारी संस्थान, नई दिल्ली के सम्मेलन कक्ष में सम्पन्न हुई। बैठक की अध्यक्षता, श्री अनुज अग्रवाल, कार्यवाहक अध्यक्ष भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण एवं सदस्य (मानव संसाधन) द्वारा की गई। उक्त बैठक में 63 सदस्य कार्यालयों में से श्रेष्ठ राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन के लिए प्रथम पुरस्कार भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण, उत्तरी क्षेत्र मुख्यालय, नई दिल्ली को प्रदान किया गया। द्वितीय पुरस्कार भारत हैवी इलेक्ट्रिकल लिमिटेड व तृतीय स्थान केंद्रीय भंडारण निगम को प्राप्त हुआ। भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण के दिल्ली स्थित सदस्य कार्यालयों में पहली बार प्रथम पुरस्कार उत्तरी क्षेत्र मुख्यालय को प्राप्त हुआ है।

Kalyanmayee's Smt. Anima Sonowal wins Gold medal at International Athletic event in Malaysia

It was a proud moment for Airports Authority of India at Guwahati Airport as Smt Anima Sonowal, wife of Shri Sandeswar Sonowal, Senior Superintendent (Fire Services), Guwahati Airport, won gold medal in high jump & pole vault, and a bronze in hurdles at Master Athletics Meet, 2019 held in Malaysia on December 6, 2019.

A felicitation function was held at AAI's Regional Headquarters, Guwahati where Shri Sanjeev Jindal, Regional Executive Director, NER honoured Smt Anima in the presence of her family members.



AAI spreads message of cleanliness by organising All India Relay Cycle Expedition



With an objective to spread awareness on cleanliness, AAI's Sports Promotion Board organised an All India AAI Relay Cycle Expedition 2019-2020 from November 23 to December 12, 2019.

With 12 cyclists on foray, the voyage was flagged off by Shri Anuj Aggarwal, Member (HR) in presence of Shri I.N. Murthy, Member, Operations, AAI and other senior officials from AAI's corporate headquarters, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan on day-one.

The twenty-day expedition spread over five states touched over 20 cities. The 5-leg journey passed through Ghaziabad, Dehradun, Pantnagar, Agra and Jaipur and returned to New Delhi on December 12, 2019.

En-route Haridwar, the Cycling Expedition Team successfully undertook cleanliness drive on the banks of Ganga. At Dehradun, the participants were felicitated and motivated with the words of encouragement by Shri Premchand Aggarwal, Hon'ble Speaker of Uttarakhand Assembly.

The 12 cyclists through their mission disseminated the message of "Swachh Bharat Hara Bharat - Say No to Plastic". Upon their return, the participants were received by Shri Anuj Aggarwal, Member (HR) and Shri I.N. Murthy, Member (Operations) along with officials from AAISCB-CHQ at AAI Officers Institute and presented mementos and certificates.



AAI observes Vigilance Awareness Week 2019



As per directives of Central Vigilance Commission, AAI observed Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW-2019) from October 28 to November 2, 2019 to spread the message of maintaining core values of honesty and sincerity across all its airports and establishments. The theme of this year VAW is 'Integrity – A way of Life'.

On the inaugural day, the event started with lighting of the lamp followed by administering of 'Integrity Pledge' to all AAI officials by respective REDs and APDs.

At AAI's corporate headquarters, the event was inaugurated by Shri Anuj Aggarwal, the then Chairman, AAI in presence of all board members and senior officials. Integrity Pledge was also administered by the Chairman to all officials. Speaking on the occasion, the Chairman said that

the objective of VAW is to sensitize and encourage all towards preventive vigilance and support the fight against corruption. Continuing the discussion, Shri Suresh Borkar, GM (Vigilance) highlighted the milestones achieved by AAI's Vigilance Directorate in the last one year, including the highest ever recovery, 23 awareness workshops and establishment of at least one Integrity Club in each State/UT across the country.

During the week-long programme, various activities such as lectures, debates and panel discussions, poster making, slogan writing and essay writing competitions, elocution, cartoon and quiz were conducted at many of the airports.

As part of outreach activities, many airports staged street plays, conducted interactive sessions with vendors, distributed pamphlets amongst air passengers and public. Also, an E- Integrity Pledge helpdesk counter was set up at passenger areas/SHA at many airports.

The closing ceremony was organised at airports/units with prizes distributed to the winners of various competitions organised during the week-long exercise.

New Photo Gallery opens at Agartala Airport



Commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a Special Photo Gallery was set up at the departure lounge of Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport, Agartala.

Unveiled by Smt. Pratima Bhowmik, Member of Parliament, West Tripura in presence of Shri V.K. Seth, Airport Director, Agartala and other officials, the photo gallery displays 33 photos propagating Gandhiji's life and his contribution to the nation.

During the event, all present paid rich tributes to the Mahatma and patriotic songs were performed by the airline staff. Later in the day, about 90 students from nearby orphanage home visited the airport and were bewitched to see the photos kept in the gallery. The event ended with a 'nukkad natak' performance by CISF unit of Agartala Airport based on Gandhiji's life, witnessing rich participation by AAI and airline officials.

NER wins AAI All India Football Tournament



As part of AAI's mission of 'Going Plastic Free,' RSCB, NER hosted the AAI All India Inter Zonal Football Tournament, declaring the sports event as plastic free.

Held at Laxmibai National Institute of Physical Education, Sonapur, Assam from October 11–15, 2019, the tournament was won by North East Region, Guwahati defeating Eastern Region, Kolkata by 2-1.

While Shri J.K. Goel, ED (Admn.), AAI was the Chief Guest during the final ceremony, Shri Deepak Kedia IGP (Law and Order), Assam Police was the Guest of Honour.

Pre-paid Taxi Service starts at Guwahati Airport



For the first time in the North-Eastern Region, pre-paid taxi services for all the destinations in and around Guwahati Airport area were started on October 3, 2019 at Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport with the help of Assam Police. Inaugurated by Shri RN Kalita, MLA, West Guwahati, in presence of Shri Sanjeev Jindal, RED-NER and Shri Ramesh Kumar, Airport Director, Guwahati, the pre-paid taxi services are available for as small a distance as 5 km. till a foreign location like Bhutan and other north-eastern cities. Pre-paid taxi service rates have been kept reasonable and will be available as per the schedule of airline flight services.



Guwahati gets direct connectivity to Aizawl, Mizoram



One of the most awaited & sought-after air connectivity, Guwahati-Aizawl sector was started by domestic carrier Go Air on October 15, 2019. Shri Zoramthanga, Chief Minister, Mizoram flagged off the inaugural flight of Go Air from Aizawl. The launch of Kolkata-Aizawl-Guwahati daily flight is in sync with the government's vision for the seven sisters of Northeast, aptly described as 'transformation by transportation'. This connectivity will enable people to reach the major business hub of the east, Kolkata and other destinations. Since launch, the airline has reported full occupancy in the sector.

Guwahati Airport organises equality awareness workshop for transgenders



To express solidarity with transgenders and be a part in their acceptance, Airports Authority of India launched the project 'equality awareness' at Guwahati and other NER airports on November 18, 2019, advocating their recognition as special individuals for enjoying the right to equality enshrined in the Constitution. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Sanjeev Jindal, RED-NER said that the theme 'equality awareness' itself explains the idea of oneness and right to live together in society. All airports in North-Eastern region will spearhead the effort for gender equality in a phased manner, which will begin with spreading awareness amongst all stakeholders. The first-of-its-kind event was enriched through the invaluable participation by Ms. Swati Barua, founder member of All Assam Transgender Association.

Regional Headquarters, Western Region hosts Airport Promotion Conclave

A two-day Airport Promotion Conclave was hosted by Regional Headquarters, Western Region on October 4 and 5, 2019 at Sahara Star Hotel, Mumbai to discuss best global practices and their feasibility in the Indian perspective.

The first-of-its-kind event was enriched through the valuable participation by Shri I.N. Murthy, Member (Ops.), RED, WR, APDs of WR, officials from aviation fraternity such as, BCAS, DCGA, Air India, Indigo, Go Air, Vistara, MADC, as also, two senior officials from Government of Madhya Pradesh.

First session of the conclave began with the welcome address by Shri G. Chandramouli, Regional Executive Director, WR, followed by presentations and insights on a broad range of topics including 'Automated Airside Facility Inspection System' by all APDs. Members of Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Ltd. (MIAL) gave an educating



presentation on 'Wildlife Management and Airside Pavement Management' during the event.

On the second day of conclave, the participants shared valuable inputs focussing on improving connectivity amongst Western Region airports, augmentation of infrastructure, emphasis on safety and security requirements, development of new airports and routes, and related issues.

Juhu airport continues spreading smiles into the lives of disadvantaged children

Continuing its pioneering role to transform the lives of underprivileged children suffering from cancer, AAI's Juhu Airport has partnered with Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai to provide complete financial help towards their specialist treatment. The two-year CSR project costing ₹ 85 lakh would bring a new lease of life to 2000-odd suffering children. While Shri G. Chandramouli, Regional Executive Director (WR), Shri Ashok Kumar Verma, Airport Director, Juhu Airport, Mumbai and other officers represented the Airports Authority of India, from Tata Memorial Centre, Dr. Sanjeev Sood, Director (Administration-Projects), Dr. Shripad Banavali, Director (Academics), PRO were present during the MoA signing ceremony held on October 03, 2019.

Closing on the heels of above noble initiative, Juhu Airport organized a cultural programme



to celebrate Diwali on October 24, 2019 with children from Bandra Orphanage. To make it a joyous day for the children, the Airport was decorated with diyas and lights and cultural activities including dance performances were organised. Around 55 children were given a tour of Air Traffic Control Tower, Fire Station, ONGC Helibase, and also shown helicopters at M/S Global Vectra. Watching helicopters brought great happiness on the faces of children. Smt. Bhagirathi Chandramouli and Smt. Chandra Kiran, Kalyanmayee's Regional President and Juhu Airport President, extended their warm wishes to all the children who were provided with snacks at the end of the function.



Goa Airport and Regional Headquarters, Western Region observe National Ayurveda Day



To create awareness and celebrate National Ayurveda Day, a free Ayurvedic health camp was organised at Goa Airport on October 17, 2019 at Pre-Security Hold Area. The camp was organised under

the supervision of Ayurvedacharya of repute, Dr Nitin Majrekar who explained the benefits of adopting a fit and healthy lifestyle through the use of different types of Ayurvedic products on a day-to-day basis. About 250 people, mostly passengers, CISF, Airlines and AAI officials were benefitted by attending the medical camp.

To mark the day, Human Resources Department of RHQ, WR organised an Ayurveda Seminar at the ground floor quadrangle lobby of RHQ, WR. Inaugurated by Shri G Chandramouli, RED, WR, the seminar was attended by all the HODs and employees of RHQ, WR. It was conducted by Dr. Nanasheh Memane,

BAMS MS (Ayurveda Vachaspati) and Dr Sonal (Ayurvedacharya) from Bhakti Vedanta Hospital, (ISKCON), Mira Road. The attending doctors gave a presentation stressing on the importance and benefits of Ayurveda, correct diet and yoga, etc.



New radar facility commissioned at Mumbai Airport

In pursuit of augmenting surveillance in the Mumbai skies, AAI commissioned new radar facility for air traffic management at the Mumbai airport on October 12, 2019.

Inaugurated by Shri Anuj Aggarwal, the then AAI Chairman, the new radar which consists of primary and secondary radar, with a range of communication of around 60 and 200 nautical miles respectively, provides dual surveillance for both runway vicinity as well as long distance areas.

This state-of-the-art technology, costing approximately ₹ 16 crore, not only possesses higher data capability to communicate with aircraft, but also eliminates the gap or 'cone of silence', i.e. no signal area on its overhead transmission, due to its superior technical features.

Installed at a much higher height compared to the two existing operational radars, the facility has longer range of communication, and also strengthens the redundancy in surveillance of the Mumbai skies, thereby enhancing the safety of aircraft.



Leh Airport sets up Integrity Club at Kendriya Vidyalaya

school, welcomed all the dignitaries with traditional Khataks.

Inaugurated by Shri M.N.N Rao, Regional Executive Director, Northern Region in presence of Shri Sonam Norbu, Airport Director and Nodal Officer, Leh Airport, a total of thirty students have been registered as Members of the Integrity Club who were also administered Integrity Pledge. There are 603 students studying in the school. While addressing the students, RED, NR emphasized on the importance of Integrity

Clubs in inculcating human values in tender minds. Shri Rao also promised to extend all kinds of support to the school to make Integrity Club successful.

Integrity Clubs are designed to help instill in students and teachers the core values of respect, fairness, compassion, integrity, honesty and responsibility. An amount of ₹ 50,000/- has been sanctioned for proposed activities such as essay competition, debate and drama to be carried out in the Integrity Club during the FY 2019-20.



Taking the legacy of Integrity Clubs forward, AAI has established an Integrity Club at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Leh on October 29, 2019. Shri Wangiyal, the Principal of the



Northern Region wins the All India Inter Zonal Cricket Championship



AAI's Regional Sports Control Board (RSCB), Northern Region, organised All

India Inter Zonal Cricket Tournament during September 21-25, 2019 at Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium, Dharmshala. The tournament was inaugurated by Shri A. K. Pathak (Member - Planning) in presence of Shri M.N. N. Rao, (RED-NR), Shri Kishore Sharma (APD Kangra), Shri Ajeet Nagpal (Regional Sports Secretary), along with sports committee members from Kangra and RHQ, NR.

Six teams from all the regions of AAI actively participated in this event. The

league matches were held on 22nd, 23rd and 24th September, 2019 and the final match was played on 25th September between Northern Region and CHQ in which Northern Region emerged as the champion.

The closing ceremony was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Smt. Sushma Verma, international level women cricket player from India on the day of the Final. The Man of the Match and the Man of the Tournament from each league matches were felicitated with trophies and medals.

Community toilets constructed by Dehradun Airport under Swachh Bharat Mission

As part of a CSR initiative, Dehradun Airport has constructed community toilets in Bhaniyawala locality near the airport.

Inaugurated by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat on November 28, 2019, these toilets have been constructed at a cost of ₹ 20 lakh



and shall be maintained by M/s Sulabh International on behalf of AAI, at an annual cost of ₹ 3.60 lakh per annum.

The move shall benefit 600 families and prove to be a major step towards eradication of open defecation in the concerned area.

Safdarjung Airport partners with AIIMS for development of mental health of school children

Promoting the Union Government's policy of targeting specific areas of health and education, AAI's Safdarjung Airport has partnered with AIIMS, New Delhi for one-year project, 'MATE – Mind Activation Through Education', to curb the rising menace of mental health problems among children and adolescents.

On October 18, 2019, an MoA was signed by Dr M.K. Bimal, Airport Director, Safdarjung Airport and Dr. (Prof) Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS, New Delhi in the Ramalingaswami Board Room, AIIMS, New Delhi in presence of Shri A. K. Pathak, Member (Planning), AAI.

The one-year CSR project costing ₹ 48.67 lakh would be implemented in 20 selected



schools of Delhi-NCR for students in the age group of 10-18 years. Under the project, the children will be sensitized to discourage sedentary life style, social media addiction and online gaming. The project is a scientifically tailored programme focusing on the overall cognitive, physical

and socio-cultural development of the brain of a child.

The move is expected to not only make young minds aware of appropriate use of technology, but also ensure development of self-esteem and team spirit in children.



जयपुर हवाई अड्डे पर एयरपोर्ट कोलाबोरेटिव डिसिसन मेकिंग (ए.सी.डी.एम) प्रोजेक्ट का उद्घाटन



12 अक्टूबर 2019 को श्री विनीत गुलाटी, सदस्य (ए.एन.एस.), के कर-कमलों से जयपुर हवाई अड्डे पर एयरपोर्ट कोलाबोरेटिव डिसिसन मेकिंग (ए.सी.डी.एम) प्रोजेक्ट का उद्घाटन किया गया। यह भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण का पूरी तरह

से इन-हाउस प्रोजेक्ट है, जिसे, श्री जे.एस. बलहारा, विमानपत्तन निदेशक, के उत्कृष्ट नेतृत्व में जयपुर हवाई अड्डे पर भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण के ही अधिकारियों के द्वारा बिना किसी बाहरी सहायता से तैयार किया गया है।

ए.सी.डी.एम. एक कॉमन सूचना शेयरिंग प्लेटफॉर्म है जिससे कि सभी स्टेक होल्डर्स सूचना शेयर करके सिस्टम को और भी पारदर्शी करते हैं। यह विमानों के आगमन समय, प्रस्थान समय, रनवे की क्षमता को ध्यान में रखते हुये उनका क्रम, तत्पश्चात, टार्गेट प्रस्थान समय का निर्धारण करता है। इस सुविधा से जयपुर में विमानों की जमीन पर रनवे के पास होल्डिंग समाप्त हो जाएगी और ईंधन की खपत में कमी के साथ वातावरण में कार्बन उत्सर्जन में भी कमी आयेगी।

Tirupati Airport gets first ever modern Sleep Zone



With an objective to enhance passenger satisfaction, AAI's Tirupati International Airport has introduced a one-of-its-kind advanced sleeping zone in partnership with the agency, M/s Brand Midas.

Inaugurated on November 17, 2019 by Shri Arvind Singh, AAI Chairman, and

Smt. Sangeeta Arvind Singh, in presence of Shri S. Suresh, Airport Director, and several senior officials of AAI and representatives of M/s Brand Midas, the facility is opened at Departure check-in-area of the Domestic Terminal.

Known in Japan and China as Capsule Hotels, this innovative concept introduced at Tirupati Airport is drawing encouraging and positive response from passengers who come for early check-in and can take a powernap before boarding. The rates on inaugural offer is ₹ 200 per pod, as per Brand Midas. Customers can select mood lighting along with offer of free mobile charging in the hourly pre-paid rental facility. Wallet wake-up service is also available on request.

Passenger facilities upgraded for PRM at Kolkata Airport



In line with Accessible India Campaign, Kolkata Airport has been constantly upgrading the infrastructure and facilities for Passengers with Reduced Mobility (PRM). In this series, PRM-friendly retiring room, tactile studs at departure level, low-height Flight Information Display, fluorescent painting in staircases, wheelchair-friendly Help Desk have been provided for passengers with reduced mobility in the last quarter.

आदिवासी यात्रियों के लिए नया आगंतुक लाउंज



कुल्लू मनाली हवाईअड्डे पर जनजातीय यात्रियों के लिए नए आगंतुक लाउंज का उद्घाटन दिनांक 22 अक्टूबर 2019 को माननीय सांसद श्री राम स्वरूप शर्मा द्वारा किया गया। इस दौरान परिवहन एवं वन मंत्री, श्री गोविन्द सिंह ठाकुर एवं विधानसभा सदस्य, श्री सुंदर सिंह ठाकुर उपस्थित रहे।

सर्दियों में लाहौल स्पीति में अत्यधिक बर्फबारी के कारण हेलिकोप्टर उड़ानों में काफी विलंब होता था तथा बैठने की कोई सुविधा न होने के कारण एक आगुन्तक लाउंज उपलब्ध कराने की मांग काफी लंबे समय से की जा रही थी।

Trivandrum International Airport launches Battery Electric Vehicles



As part of the 'Go Green' initiative, Trivandrum Airport inducted two battery electric vehicles (BEVs) at the terminal on November 5, 2019. The e-vehicles are meant to be used by the Fire Safety and Airport Security wings of the airport for operational purposes within the airport premises.

Inaugurated by Shri C. V. Ravindran, Airport Director, the move is expected to meet the Level-2 accreditation benchmark of the global watchdog, Airport Council International.

Speaking on the occasion, the APD stated that the two BEVs are the first step towards adopting environmental-friendly vehicles for reducing carbon emission at the airport premises.



Safety and Security measures boosted in various AAI airports during the Q3



- **Calicut International airport installs e-gates and dynamic signages**

As part of the move towards strengthening security measures as well as reducing congestion, CNS Department has installed 18 e-Gates and 19 Dynamic Signage displays at the immigration counters of New International Arrival Building (NIAB) on August 15, 2019. These e-Gates (Automatic Electronic Access Control System or, AEACS) guarantee that no passenger leaves the arrival hall without proper document verification and immigration stamping.

Dynamic signages, considered as non-critical security check parameters, are carried out using LED displays above immigration counters. Demonstrating signages such as Indian/Foreign Passports, Crew/ Diplomats and e-Visa help in ensuring a systematic queuing up of passengers in front of counters.

Inaugurated by Shri K. Srinivasa Rao, Airport Director, Calicut International Airport in presence of senior officials from all stakeholders, the new facility has resulted in smooth and faster clearance, avoiding unwarranted delays in international arrivals.

- **Implementation of breath analyser examination of operational staff at Calicut airport**

Breath Analyser test was commissioned on all personnel engaged in aircraft

maintenance, air traffic control services, aerodrome operations, ground handling services for detecting consumption of alcohol at Calicut International Airport with effect from 2nd October, 2019.

Inaugurated by Shri K. Srinivasa Rao, Airport Director, Calicut International Airport, the move is in conformity with the DGCA instructions to ensure safety and security of all operational activities.

- **Tuticorin airport gets new Airfield Crash Fire Tender**

Tuticorin airport inducted world class Airfield Crash Fire Tender, PANTHER 6*6 CA-5, having capacity to accommodate five crew on November 1, 2019.

Manufactured by Rosenbauer costing ₹ 3.19 crore, the speed and acceleration of CFT is 0 to 80 in just 25 seconds with a maximum speed of 130km/hr.

Inaugurated by Shri N. Subramanian, Airport Director, Tuticorin Airport in presence of Shri Sandeep Nanduri, IAS, District Collector of Tuticorin, this 10000-liters water capacity fire truck is equipped with primary and secondary extinguishing media and all other rescue equipment.

- **Installation of In-line CT-EDS Baggage Screening System at Trivandrum airport**

In compliance with BCAS norms, Trivandrum Airport installed three Inline CT-EDS Baggage screening systems on October 12, 2019.

Designed to detect explosives in registered baggage, the system guarantees 100% reading performance based on bar-code technology. The four-level detection screener provides 3D image of the same baggage from different angles, thereby conforming to TSA/EU standard 3.

The system will not only provide automatic transportation of checked luggage from check-in counters to areas where bags are loaded onto airplanes after thorough baggage screening, but can also force reject a bag.

- **Additional closed-circuit surveillance cameras installed at Trichy airport**

With a view to bring the entire airport under total surveillance, Tiruchirappalli (Trichy) International Airport has added 51 SCCTV cameras costing Rs 96 lakh to the existing fleet of 117, totaling 168 cameras for boosting surveillance.

Inaugurated by Shri Gunasekaran, Airport Director, Trichy Airport on October 10, 2019, in presence of Shri Jasbir Singh, AC, CISF, Trichy, the move has put the airport under total surveillance, covering the whole car parking areas, entry and exit gates, all grey areas in the public concourse, immigration, SHA, customs, baggage belts and operational areas, including apron and parking bays.

- **Pune airport starts trial run of Body Scanner for security check**

With focus on enhancing the security set-up, Pune airport has started the trial run of one Body Scanner for Security Check, becoming first such AAI airport to start the initiative.

Installed on October 10, 2019 at Domestic Security Hold Area, the trial run of the scanner started from October 15, which is common for both male and female passengers. However, the mandatory manual frisking of passengers is being done respectively at male and female cabin set.

Manufactured by Rohde and Schwarz, Germany, the QPS 201 Body Scanner based upon Millimetre Wave Technology has been installed for demo purpose only, on no-cost, no-commitment (NCNC) basis. The cost of the equipment is to the tune of Rs two crore.



Observance of Swachhata Pakhwada at AAI airports

Widely acknowledged as the world's largest behaviour change programme, the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) is one of the flagship programmes of the Central government launched on October 2, 2014 by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, to realise Mahatma Gandhi's dream of 'Clean India.' The target date was set for October 2, 2019 commemorating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

As part of government's national campaign, AAI observed Swachhata Pakhwada from November 1-15, 2019 across its airports and establishments. During the period, many activities based on Bapu's ideals were carried out. The Pakhwada started with a Swachhata pledge administered to all employees in each airport by respective REDs and APDs.

Supporting the mission, 'My Clean India', Shri Anuj Aggarwal, the then Chairman, AAI administered 'Swachhata pledge' to 400 CHQ employees in the presence of

board members and all senior executives on the inaugural day. He also visited ATC complex and took part in the Cleanliness March to spread the message of Swachh Bharat among everyone. He called upon all participants to come together and work conscientiously to improve cleanliness levels in airports and sought dedicated efforts of one and all.

For a more substantive and innovative observance of the Swachhata Pakhwada, various Swachhata and related events were observed by AAI such as workshop on general hygiene, sanitation and plastic waste management, recycling of used plastic bottles for better use, inter-school debate competition, speech and painting competition, plantation and cleanliness drive and so on.

Continuing the 'Jan-andolan' for Swachhata, employees at many airports undertook thematic cycling expedition, as also, embarked on an awareness rally

on 'Cleanliness & Single Use Plastic Ban' to spread awareness about the benefits of cleanliness and hygiene.

While addressing the gathering on the concluding day of the Pakhwada on November 15, 2019, the new Chairman of AAI, Shri Arvind Singh, urged all airports to comply with Swachhata Mantralaya's directive such as displaying hoardings and standees at strategic locations at airports, playing of Swachh Bharat Anthem 'Satyagraha se Swachhaagraha Tak', as well as providing Coffee Table Book titled 'Showcasing Swachh Bharat Mission' at airport lounges across the country.

Recognising the impressive Swachhata drive being carried out by various airports during the Swachhata Pakhwada, AAI Management has selected best three top airports viz., Kolkata, Madurai and Udaipur in their respective categories for the purpose of conferring awards.

AAI organizes inter-school debate on relevance of Mahatma Gandhi



well as Government) from South Delhi participated in the debate competition speaking 'for' and 'against' the topic, "Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in 21st Century."

While welcoming the participants and accompanying teachers from various schools, Shri Anuj Aggarwal, the then Chairman, AAI said that in today's volatile times, it is imperative

Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Nehru, Einstein and other world leaders.

While Bhavy Gupta of Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram won the first prize, Ananya Tyagi of Delhi Police Public School and Krisha Suri of Laxman Public School stood second and third respectively. Two Appreciation Awards were given to Khyati Sharma of Banyan Tree School, Lodhi Road and Suhani Sinha of Tagore International School.

As part of celebrations for 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, AAI hosted an Inter-School Hindi debate competition at its corporate headquarters, New Delhi on November 1, 2019. Students studying from 9th to 12th standards in over 15 prominent schools (Public as

to instill Gandhian values among future leaders.

While deliberating over the relevance and the significant role Gandhiji played in shaping the destiny of India, all the students passionately presented their respective motions and fervently invoked

Shri Laxmi Dass, noted Gandhian & former Chairman, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Smt. Shashwati Jhalani, former Librarian, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and Shri Ajit Dubey, former ED (Finance), AAI judged the participants of the debate competition.



Mega wall painting on Chennai airport city-side panels enters record books



As part of Swachhta Abhiyan, Chennai Airport organized mega wall painting event on November 23, 2019 with tourism and environment as core themes.

More than 1400 volunteering artists comprising students and elderly, and staff of Airports Authority of India, completed the 3907 feet long painting on city-side wall panels of Chennai airport running parallel to GST road from international entry (Pallavaram side) to Airport Colony gate in record time of nine hours.

The record attempt starting at 0830 hours and ending by 1730 hours was monitored, recognized, accepted and certified by Universal Achievers Book of Records for the "Largest Wall Painting in the World".

AAI celebrates National Ayurveda Day at Chennai Airport



National Ayurveda Day was celebrated at Chennai Airport on October 25, 2019 with an array of activities raising awareness on nurturing herbal environs and their indispensable role in our lives.

The day kickstarted with plantation drive

of 300 varieties of herbal saplings near T-4 Terminal by students from various schools and colleges. Experts on Ayurveda and Siddha branch of medicine and doctors from various hospitals and institutes spoke during the occasion. At domestic terminal, herbal saplings were distributed to arriving passengers on demand.

Nearly 100 herbal saplings were displayed on top of baggage carousels with botanical names and information suggestive of their importance and advantages. Further, dynamic signage displayed details on herbal plants inviting attention and appreciation of passengers.

'Girls in Aviation Day' celebrated at Chennai Airport



Highlighting the achievements of women in aviation sector and encouraging younger generation to pursue greater goals, Blue Dart logistics in collaboration with Chennai Airport celebrated 'Girls in Aviation Day' on November 11, 2019.

Thirty girl students from selected schools were taken for ATC visit and the ATCOs briefed them on various aspects of air traffic and navigation systems. Later, the students made a visit to the Blue Dart complex and were introduced on how the logistics team work towards achieving common goals.

The concluding ceremony saw Shri S. Sreekumar, Airport Director, Ms. Tulsi Mirchandaney, MD Blue Dart Aviation and women leaders from the aviation fraternity interacting with the students for whom it became a day to cherish forever.

Remya Sreekantan joins Chennai Airport as first woman firefighter of AAI's Southern Region



Remya Sreekantan, 28, the first woman firefighter at Southern Region and third in whole of AAI, has joined as Junior Assistant (AFS) at Chennai Airport on November 01, 2019 heralding the change in a work space that remained a male stronghold for long.

Prior to her assuming duties at Chennai Airport, she has undergone four-month rigorous training at Fire Training Centre (FTC), New Delhi.

Hailing from a modest family in Trivandrum, Kerala, Remya is a postgraduate in structural Engineering. She was Assistant Professor at LBS Institute of Technology for women prior to joining AAI. She is mother of a two-year old child.

Remya is confident of doing well in her new assignment, and hopes that more women will join Fire Services in future if they explore the available avenues at disposal with the right mindset.



New boarding gate management system introduced at Chennai Airport



On his maiden visit to Chennai on November 16, 2019, Shri Arvind Singh, Chairman, Airports Authority of India inaugurated the first-of-its-kind new gate management system at Chennai Airport. The new system at boarding gates will enable the airline staff to enter the flight update from the boarding gates itself ensuring better interaction between airlines and AOCC

(Airport Operation Control Centre), which in turn will accelerate speedy update of Flight Information Display System (FIDS), thereby benefitting passenger. Besides, there will be overall decrease in space, hardware and power requirement guaranteeing effective utilization of manpower. This system is being expanded to other airports also.

Art Exhibition “PRERNA-3” organized at Indian Aviation Academy

Committed to promote amateur as well as professional artists and give them a platform to showcase their talent, Indian Aviation Academy organized an Art Exhibition ‘Prerna-3’ from November 29 to December 13 at its premises. Organized in association with Kalyanmayee Artist Forum and Forum of Indian Photographers and Artists, the theme of the exhibition was ‘Freedom’. Inaugurated

by renowned artists Shri Jatin Das and Shri Dilip Sharma in presence of Shri M.N.N. Rao, RED (NR), Shri EP Hareendranathan, ED (Training) IAA, Dr Chhavi Aggarwal, Vice President-Kalyanmayee and several other members of Kalyanmayee, the exhibition showcased 22 paintings prepared by 21 artists during the three-day art camp held in July. On the concluding day, artists were given



certificates of participation by ED (Training).

Green Diwali at Raipur Airport



Promoting the ‘Green India’ concept, Raipur Airport has developed an approx. 650-sqft Green Wall for its arriving passengers. Located at the first floor of the Arrival lounge, the Green Wall developed a year ago depicts various themes periodically giving definite meaning to relevant Day or Festival through rotation of plants.

During Diwali, the living Green Wall depicted traditional diyas and swastika made of

around 2558 plants. Varieties displayed were 326 Syngonium white plants for swastika, 124 Philodendron golden plants for flame, 368 Syngonium pink plants for diyas and 1740 Ophiopogon green plants for background.

Apart from enhancing the aesthetics and improving the air quality inside the terminal building, the Green Wall has also proved to be a popular selfie point for the arriving passengers at Raipur Airport.

Integrity Club launched at Port Blair Airport

A concerted step towards preserving sense of honesty and integrity amongst children, Port Blair Airport has launched an Integrity Club on October 29, 2019 at Kendriya Vidyalaya to provide a platform where children gather knowledge playfully and become champions of ethics. Inaugurated by Shri Jameel Khaliq, Airport Director, Port Blair, the Integrity Club was set up in the school as a ‘community group’ for cultivating human values among students in the age group of 11 to 16 years studying in classes VI to IX.



An Integrity Club is expected to play an important role in creating twelve basic values such as integrity, respect, fairness,

responsibility, love, patriotism, compassion, tolerance, secularism, unity, simplicity and honesty through various activities like sharing anecdotes, group discussions, workshop, games, debates and drama.

The idea behind setting up of Integrity Club is to sensitize children against negative values prevalent in society due to excessive influence of electronic media, internet, nuclear family system and rapidly growing urbanization and ways to tackle the ills.



Awareness drive for Safe Aircraft Operations launched at Jharsuguda Airport

On September 12, 2019, Jharsuguda Airport launched an awareness drive for safe aircraft operations in front of old airport and nearby local market at Durlaga village of Jharsuguda. Attended by school children from Government schools and airport stakeholders, the drive made efforts to educate the general public and passers-by about potential threat to safe aircraft operations due to dumping of garbage in the open which may attract birds and stray animals.



To make the move a success, handouts in the form of public notice were distributed among the public and passengers alike. For wider publicity, banners placed in front of Terminal Building and messages displayed at the Flight Information Display System were used for raising awareness amongst passengers transiting through Jharsuguda Airport. To bring home the point, the school children formed a human chain conveying the importance of air safety.

AAI's Taniya Sanyal conferred with Citizen Safety Award 2019 by SPAI



Miss Taniya Sanyal, Junior Assistant, Fire Services, ER received the 'Citizen Safety Award 2019' from Safety Professional Association of India (SPAI) during a one-day National workshop held on 'Women Leadership in Disaster Management' on October 2, 2019 at Jaipur. During the event, total thirteen women from various states associated with Disaster Management were honoured with the Citizen Safety

Award 2019. Among the awardees, Tania was the only woman hailing from Fire Services. Apart from this award, Tania also received the DCW Achievement Award on the occasion of International Women's Day 2019 from the Delhi Commission for Women (DCW), Government of Delhi in recognition of Tania's efforts towards spearheading the cause of women.

Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi celebrated at Kolkata Airport

To commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, employees along with passengers at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) Airport paid floral tributes to the Father of the Nation at the Gandhi Gallery inside the arrival hall of terminal. Besides, the occasion also saw display of various artefacts, like charkha, and a



khadi stall in association with 'Biswa Bangla'. Quotes of Mahatma Gandhi were displayed on FIDS, LED video wall and other digital displays at the airport. Various other proactive steps such as ban on the use of single use plastic products inside the terminal and Breath Analyzer examination of operational personnel were initiated at the airport.

Kolkata Airport set to become a hub for Southeast Asia air connectivity

Kolkata Airport is the largest airport in Eastern India and stands as the fifth busiest airport in the country. At present, the airport is connected with more than 35 destinations in India and around 13 destinations globally. With some more flights in the offing, the airport is expected to become a hub for Southeast

and Far East Asian countries in near future. With the commencement of four new international flights from Kolkata to various destinations in South-east Asia, the month of October has proved to be a boon for international flyers.

While the Kolkata-Hanoi air connectivity

on October 3, 2019 signalled the first connection to Vietnam from the City of Joy, the addition of Ho-Chi-Minh City, Singapore and Guangzhou (China) on three consecutive days on 18th, 19th and 20th October from Kolkata have heralded the emergence of Kolkata as a hub for Southeast Asia connectivity in near future.



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