



Dear friends,

As the sun sets today, I turn a new chapter in my life and the inevitability of sending a farewell message overpowers my inertia to communicate with all of you at this emotional juncture. I string my thoughts for conveying what could be my last hurrah from the official position of Member (ANS).

It is an amazing feeling as I look back on the three-decade long journey in ATM in various capacities and almost three years as Member (ANS) of this glorious organization and the tasks that we accomplished together as a team in confronting the ANS challenges.

Having commenced the stint with AAI as an Air Traffic Controller, I was fortunate to be exposed to various facets of ATM right from the spectacular but stressful Radar control to Aerodrome Licensing tasks, from the challenging NOC duties to being an Instructor in CATC.

But the position of Board Member of ANS was definitely challenging and very satisfying, having had the privilege of taking over from my unforgettable predecessor Sri V. Somasundaram who strode Indian ANS like a colossus with vision and purpose.

On assuming the mantle of enormous responsibility, I had my task cut out for me. But I can confidently state that if I could deliver to my satisfaction it is undoubtedly the professionalism, commitment & sense of purpose with which all of you in ANS stood by me and implemented the decisions. Implementation of Two-stream Rating System for enhancing operational efficiency/safety, ATFM for balancing demand & capacity, ADS B data sharing with adjacent states for efficient ASM, transparent NOCAS, strengthening the ANS Training System, revitalizing Flight Inspection Unit and firming up FTI proposal was all possible only with the excellent commitment, remarkable team spirit and painstaking efforts from our ANS officials across all airports in general and the CHQ team in particular, all ably guided by our Board Members.

I am grateful that all of you rallied around me in carrying out all the ANS tasks -be it augmenting the strength of ANS personnel through a series of recruitment drives or completing the critical ICAO Audit-related activities through the CAP set-up. I am very confident that all of you will shoulder similar responsibility and support my successor in full measure as we are poised to implement FTI, Satellite-based ADS B and the other important ANS initiatives lined up.