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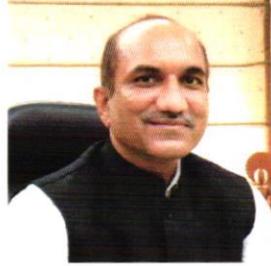
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MESSAGE

Dear ATC officers,

I feel privileged to convey my best wishes to all the Air Traffic Controllers on the occasion of "*International Day of the Air Traffic Controller*".

The International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Association (IFATCA) was constituted 60 years ago, on this day, to federate and further the interests of the air traffic control profession at the international level. It cheers me to note that India's ATC representative body, the ATC Guild has been playing an important role in IFATCA activities.

As aviation plays an important role in any country's growth, in a fast developing nation, like ours, it becomes more prominent and challenging. AAI has been successfully managing all the challenges associated with its role as an ANSP with the ATC officers who provide their best efforts to keep our skies safe and provide an orderly and expeditious Air Traffic flow.

ATC officials have to undergo stringent DGCA licensing requirements. An ANSP has to provide its services within the framework of ICAO laid down procedures. AAI has been following world's best practices and has achieved top safety records. AAI is committed to provide world class infrastructure to improve ATC working environment, be it latest equipment, adequate workforce or ATC Welfare.

ATC Officers always go that extra mile to save precious aviation fuel as best as they can. I feel proud when they develop an ICAO proposed and ministry desired system for saving fuel and improving efficiency at Airports. This in-house Airport-Collaborative Decision Making (A-CDM) system which is acclaimed by CANSO, awarded by FICCI is deployed at seven airports so far.

After a Covid-19 induced lull, air traffic is getting back to normal. With the all-round growth and increased activities, I am sure air-traffic will cross all previous records very soon. The challenges this will bring is to be handled by all of us in a proactive manner.

My best wishes to the ATC officers in their future endeavours.

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