

Airports Authority of India

Press Release

AAI's Chennai & Vadodara Airport awarded for sustainable green projects

New Delhi, 20th November, 2020: AAI's Chennai International Airport and Vadodara Airport have been awarded in Platinum category by ASSOCHAM GEM Green Building Council for sustainable green projects. Shri Arvind Singh, Chairman, AAI received the award by Shri Sandeep Narang, Member (ASSOCHAM) in presence of Shri Anuj Aggarwal, Member (HR), Shri I.N. Murthy, Member (Operations), Shri A K Pathak, Member (Planning), AAI & Project developers on 19th November, 2020.

ASSOCHAM has formed a Council for Green and Eco-friendly Movement (CGEM) that executes the 'GEM Sustainability Certification Program' with an objective to promote environment friendly green building design and construction.

The sustainable installations resulting in the green architecture of Vadodara Airport has got it certified as a rated 5 GEM project. The Vadodara Airport Terminal displays the influence of an engineering marvel and at the same time holds a strong identity featured with simplicity. Inspired by the body and wings of an airplane, the building's bold sweeping form has been an outcome of the fusion of transparent and cloudy façade on North-South and East-West respectively and wraps the entire terminal with one single metal skin.

High level of sustainability in design aspect of Chennai Airport's terminal that includes restoration of native landscape, energy conservation build-up, waste-water treatment & dispersal systems along with other green drives have proffered this airport a rated 5 GEM project status. The Chennai Airport project is an ambitious project that pushes the extents of design and technology to the next level. The great 24 m cantilever roof structure protruding at the front (landside) is one of the largest in the entire Asia pacific. Unlike any other airport in the world, lush green gardens including vertical gardens are visible throughout the terminal creating a unique dialogue between engineering and nature, interior and exterior spaces and man's

relationship to earth and air travel. The new generation of terminal architecture at the Chennai Airport gives a world class travel experience.

AAI is complementing current practices in creating greener structures, thereby attempting to minimize a building resource consumption, waste generation, and overall ecological impact based on accepted energy and environmental principles.

As a part of its commitment to quality and sustainability, a certification of 4-star rating, under the GRIHA guidelines has been established as a project goal for each project costing more than ₹ 50 crores.

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Shri Arvind Singh, Chairman, AAI receiving the ASSOCHAM GEM Green Building award for AAI's Chennai International Airport and Vadodara Airport in presence of Board Members of AAI and Project Developers.