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AAI's efforts towards Safe, Seamless and Green Sky recognized by awarding the coveted ASI-BHARAT RATNA JRD TATA AWARD 2013 upon Shri V.Somasundaram, Member (ANS) AAI for his outstanding contributions in the field of Civil Aviation in the country

**New Delhi, June 09, 2014:** Shri V. Somasundaram having been conferred upon with the prestigious Bharat Ratna JRD Tata Award instituted by Aeronautical Society of India for the year 2013 has taken the Air Navigation Services in the country to greater heights. His outstanding contributions in the field of Civil Aviation in the country amongst the Aeronautic professionals has been duly recognized. Earlier, Shri V. Somasundaram has won hat-trick of international ATC Awards consecutive ely in the preceding 3 years. Winning this prestigious Indian ASI Bharat Ratna JRD Tata Award has taken Indian Air Navigation Services and Airports Authority of India to the pinnacle of glory.



The ASI has been conferring annual National Awards in recognition and appreciation of outstanding contribution and achievements made in the field of Aeronautics and Airspace Sciences among the Awards instituted. Among the other Awards instituted by ASI, Bharat Ratna JRD TATA Award is given to an individual making outstanding contributions in the field of Civil Aviation.

The nomination titled “Blazing a Trail in the field of Air Navigation Services” portrayed Mr. V. Somasundaram’s painstaking efforts, passion and vision leading to the remarkable ANS achievements in the country over the years. He contributed substantially not only in improving ANS infrastructure in the country for enhancing safety, efficiency and capacity of the airspace but also towards seamless ATM and Global harmonization.

The judging panel for the Award included Dr Kota Hari Narayana rao and many experts in the field of Aviation and the Award has been conferred on Mr. V. Somasundaram, Member (ANS) for his relentless pursuit in spearheading a team of motivated ANS professionals in the country for upgrading Air Navigation infrastructure/procedures/training towards enhancing safety and efficiency of aircraft operations . This is the first time that ASI has included Air navigation Services within the ambit of the Award category

The award is a fitting recognition for an individual who has transformed the crowded Indian sky into a safe, seamless and green sky.

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