

# **AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **A Colourful Cultural Programme organised on the occasion of AAI's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Day celebrations**

Airports Authority of India (AAI) known for providing State-of-the-art passenger facilities and services at all the airports in the country celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Day on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. The Annual Day function of AAI was celebrated at Siri Fort Auditorium with full pomp and show. Shri P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation was the Chief Guest and Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Hon'ble Minister of State (independent Charge) for Tourism & Culture was the Guest of Honour in the function.

Before the start of cultural programme AAI's teams, staff and officers were honoured for their respective achievements in various fields. The awards were given by Shri P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation. Airport Service Quality awards under Major Airports Category were won by Kolkata Airport (First Position), Ahmedabad Airport (Second Position), Jaipur Airport (Third Position) and the same award under the Other Airports Category were won by Trichy, Chandigarh & Bhubaneswar Airports for First, Second and Third position respectively. In addition to this many AAI employees were also honoured for various achievements in their areas of work performance.

Shri P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation congratulated the AAI family on the eve of 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and wished that AAI will keep on progressing in days to come. Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Hon'ble Minister of State (independent Charge) for Tourism & Culture while wishing all the employees hoped that the AAI will definitely enhance its passenger services, revenue and profit for the growth of country in near future.

During the function Ustad Puran Chand Wadali, Ustad Pyare Lal Wadali, Sufi Singers & Musicians, Ms. Vidha Lal, a multi-faceted kathak exponent and Mr. Khayali Saharan, comedian & laughter champion set the mood for the night with the quick witted jokes and dance and sufi songs. The crowd of packed auditorium was spellbound on the last spell of famous song of Wadali Brothers.

Shri R K Srivastava, IAS, Chairman, AAI while welcoming the guests of the evening, expressed that the Annual Day is an occasion to to meet and interact with each other with renewed warmth and love and to forge further ahead with renewed vigour and camaraderie for the development of new aviation infrastructure and gives us an opportunity to showcase the achievements of the organization over a period of time and the benefits it has accrued to its customers, stakeholders, employees and the country as a whole.

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Shri P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation is lightening the lamp on the occasion of 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Day celebration festival of Airports Authority of India at Sirifort Auditorium, New Delhi. Also seen in the picture are Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Hon'ble Minister of State (independent Charge) for Tourism & Culture (L) and Shri R K Srivastava, IAS, Chairman, AAI (R).