

AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

Press Release

Air Navigation Services (ANS) directorate of Airports Authority of India (AAI), conferred the prestigious ‘Golden Peacock Award for Innovative Product/Service for the year 2015’

New Delhi, 23 April, 2015, Air Navigation Services (ANS) directorate of Airports Authority of India (AAI), has been awarded the prestigious ‘**Golden Peacock Award for Innovative Product/Service for the year 2015**’ by the Institute of Directors, the international body of company directors. **Mr. V. Somasundaram, Board Member (ANS), AAI** received the Award at the Award ceremony held at Dubai on 20th April 2015 from **His Highness Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan**, Minister of Culture, Youth and Social Development, Government of U.A.E.

AAI was conferred the award based on an assessment, by an independent jury, of the over-arching goal to continue modernizing the ANS infrastructure to meet the customer needs and manage and operate the Air Navigation Services in a safe, efficient and cost-effective manner. Safety and service are the two words that go hand in hand at Airports Authority of India and has made significant Communication, Navigation, Surveillance-Air Traffic Management (CNS-ATM) infrastructure improvements through implementation of additional Radars, Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (ASMGCS), Automatic Dependent Surveillance- Broadcast (ADS-B) stations, Data Link Communication and Satellite Based Navigation System (SBAS) to name a few, for meeting the operational efficiency of aircraft operations as a whole but with relentless focus on safety. AAI is also implementing Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) system to balance the demand and Capacity of Air traffic in future with enhanced Safety and Efficiency.

The jury comprised of distinguished personalities under the Chairmanship of **Justice (Dr.) Arijit Pasayat**, former Judge, Supreme Court of India & Chairman, Competition Appellate Tribunal of India & Authority for Advance Ruling (Customs, Central Excise & Service Tax).

The Golden Peacock Award for Innovative product/Service is conferred annually.

In meeting its objective of improving competitiveness of business through development of leadership, the Institute of Directors has instituted the Golden Peacock Awards to promote corporate excellence in areas of quality, innovation, training, governance, environment management and corporate social responsibility.



Shri R.K. Srivastava, IAS, Chairman, AAI receiving the Golden Peacock Award for “Innovative Product/Service” for the year 2015 conferred upon Airports Authority of India by the Institute of Directors. Mr. V. Somasundaram, Member (ANS), AAI received the Award at the glittering award ceremony held at Dubai on 20th April 2015; also seen in the picture are other senior officers of AAI

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About Airports Authority of India:

Airports Authority of India (AAI) was constituted by an Act of Parliament and came into being on 1st April 1995 by merging erstwhile National Airports Authority and International Airports Authority of India. The merger brought into existence a single Organization entrusted with the responsibility of creating, upgrading, maintaining and managing civil aviation infrastructure both on the ground and air space in the country. AAI manages 125 airports, which include 18 International Airport, 07 Customs Airports, 78 Domestic Airports and 26 Civil Enclaves at Defense airfields. Air Navigation Services (ANS) for civilian operations are solely provided by the state-owned Airports Authority of India

(AAI). The AAI has a dual role, as both the air navigation services provider and as the operator of 125 airports across India, although around 50 of these are idle. A further five airports accounting for more than 50% of total traffic are managed by private operators, however the AAI provides Air Navigation services at these airports.

The Indian civil airspace as assigned by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) extends from Kuala Lumpur and Yangon in the east to Pakistan and Muscat in the west over 9.64 million square Kilometres, which includes the continental airspace (3.63 million sq. KM), the airspace over territorial waters and over an extended international oceanic airspace (6.01 million sq. KM) . Over 60% of India's airspace comprises of oceanic airspace over the Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean. The airspace is divided into four primary Flight Information Regions (FIR) at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata, with a sub-FIR at Guwahati. Air Navigation Services are being provided to over 2 Million Air Traffic movements annually in the above airspace and at all Indian airports excluding Civil Enclaves.