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New Delhi, 28 November 2022: Country's largest Airport operator and sole Air Navigation Service Provider Airports Authority of India (AAI) commenced Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2022 (28th November to 2nd December, 2022). The week-long celebration is being observed at all airports and ANS locations managed by AAI across India.

Shri Sanjeev Kumar, IAS, Chairman, AAI in his message stressed the importance of safety in all domains of AAI. Through the Safety Awareness Week, Chairman emphasized AAI's commitment towards Aviation Safety in coherence with ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan.

Shri A.K. Pathak, Member (Planning) informed the audience attending the opening ceremony about criticality of safety awareness in all domains of life with a special emphasis to aviation. He stressed upon awareness of AAI employees about safety concerning their domain of operations and declared the Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2022 open.

The Safety Awareness Week began with a Presentation by Capt. Dhruv REBBAPRAGADA, Regional Safety Director, South Asia, Airbus Group India. Capt. Dhruv emphasized on systematic development of safety culture from Occupational Safety to Aviation Safety. He has underlined the greater utility of modern technology like ADSB, PBN at smaller airports for enhancement of safety.

Shri Maneesh Kumar, Jt. Director General, DGCA in his address stressed upon service provider's greater role in accomplishment of goals of State Safety Programme. As an ANSP and Airport Operator, it has always been AAI's endeavor to achieve high standard of safety. In this process, AAI is committed for safe, transparent and accountable for its actions to stakeholders and the society at large. AAI's Directorate of Aviation Safety undertakes sincere efforts in aligning the functions of accountable executives regarding safety compliance in line with aviation regulator and ICAO. Aviation safety is thus a highest priority in all operational activity and processes of the AAI.

To raise awareness on Aviation Safety, AAI will undertake various employee engagement programs at the airports and ANS stations like reviewing of documents and procedures, Mock exercises, preventive maintenance of facilities etc. Various social campaigns too will be rolled out to raise awareness on the issue. Banners and posters will be displayed across AAI offices and operational centers to educate both external and internal stakeholders on the significance of the Safety Awareness Week.

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Shri A.K. Pathak, Member (Planning), Airports Authority of India inaugurating the Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2022 of AAI. Also seen in the picture are Shri Maneesh Kumar, Joint Directorate General, DGCA, Capt. Dhruv PREBBAPRAGADA, Regional Safety Director, South Asia, Airbus Group India, Shri O.S. Ekka, Executive Director (Aviation Safety) and senior officers of AAI.