

## AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

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#### **Airports Authority of India undertakes huge afforestation drive – planting 10,000 saplings within a fortnight at all AAI Airports across India.**

**New Delhi, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016:** As part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan being organized during the fortnight of 16<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July in all airports across India, a tree plantation drive was undertaken by 'Indian Aviation Academy' - the training centre of Airports Authority of India on 28.07.2016 which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju. Around 50 neem saplings were planted by the participants which included Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra, Chairman, AAI, Shri Anuj Aggarwal, Member (HR), AAI and Shri Rajiv Goel, Executive Director (Training – IAA) among others.

Shri P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, the HMCA who takes avid interest in afforestation drives, reminded all present that as we are also responsible for causing pollution to the sky, so we should replenish by doing our best to arrest environment degradation.

Dr. Gururprasad Mohapatra, Chairman, AAI observed that though it's a token drive, AAI is in the process of planting 10,000 saplings at all AAI airports and establishments during the fortnight. He also mentioned the various steps AAI has taken towards environmental protection like use of recycled paper, conservation of energy through solarization and maximum use of non-conventional source of energy, water conservation at all AAI airports and direct routing of flights within Indian airspace being some of the great steps taken by AAI.

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Shri P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation (centre) promoting tree plantation. Dr. Gururprasad Mohapatra, Chairman, AAI, Shri Anuj Aggarwal, Member (HR), AAI (Right) and other senior officers of AAI are participating in the tree plantation drive at 'Indian Aviation Academy' - the training centre of Airports Authority of India, New Delhi.