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AIRPORTS IN INDIA

New Initiatives and Strategies, Challenges and Opportunities

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Mission

- The airports sector continued to maintain its double digit growth trajectory in the past year. While passenger traffic grew at 18 per cent in 2016-17, cargo traffic grew by about 10 per cent. The growth momentum has been sustained during the first half of 2017-18 as well, with a 15 per cent increase in both passenger and cargo traffic.

- In March 2017, the government moved a big step forward with its plans for regional connectivity. About 128 routes were awarded under the first round of the Regional Connectivity Scheme to Alliance Air, SpiceJet, Turbo Megha, Air Odisha and Air Deccan.

- However, to cope with the rising traffic levels, the sector needs to focus on enhancing capacity at airports. At present, the metro airports in Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Delhi and Mumbai are at high risk of saturation. In addition, many of the smaller airports such as Dehradun, Jaipur, Lucknow and Trichy are operating beyond their designed capacity.

- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) recognises this fact and is doing its bit to augment capacity. Recently, new terminal buildings were inaugurated at the Vadodara, Jammu, Vijayawada and Cochin airports. The government approved the expansion plan for Chennai airport. Plans are also in place to undertake development works at Lucknow, Deoghar, Rajkot and Allahabad airports, among others.

- Besides, plans for developing some greenfield airports have finally moved forward. The Navi Mumbai airport was awarded after a delay of almost 15 years. Mopa airport also achieved financial closure. However, critical issues such as a reduction in taxes on aviation turbine fuel, airport charges, coordinated clearances, etc. remain unaddressed.

- There is, moreover, a greater need to focus on the operations and maintenance (O&M) of airports. O&M contracts for Ahmedabad and Jaipur airports are yet to be awarded.

- Going forward, AAI plans to spend about Rs 175 billion for the development of greenfield airports, new civil enclaves and cargo terminals by 2020. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has also approved a proposal to revive 50 unserved/under-served airports/airstrips by 2019-20.

- Meanwhile, airport developers are taking steps to monetise city-side assets to generate an additional stream of non-aeronautical revenue. To capitalise on its huge land holdings, AAI has begun the process of identifying airports for city-side development.

- On the cargo front, AAI has incorporated AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services Company Limited to focus on infrastructure development and better manage operations. Recently, cargo facilities were commissioned at the Ranchi, Goa and Srinagar airports, and a new cargo terminal was inaugurated at Mumbai airport.

- Increased attention is also being paid to introduce new technologies to optimally use the existing space and enhance passenger facilitation at airports. AAI is implementing the baggage reconciliation system for facilitating faster baggage handling at all major airports. Besides, GPS-aided geo-augmented navigation (GAGAN) and central air traffic flow management systems have been put in place for enhanced navigation and safety.

- The mission of this conference is to highlight the recent trends and developments in the airports sector, examine the new opportunities, and analyse the impact of recent policy and regulatory initiatives. It will also showcase the latest innovations, most promising technologies and noteworthy projects.

Target Audience

The conference is targeted at:

- Existing airport operators
- New/Potential airport operators
- Policymakers and regulators
- Aviation fuel sellers
- Airport service providers
- Airlines
- Cargo and MRO service providers
- Market analysts
- Engineering and construction firms

- Airport security and technology firms
- Communication solution providers
- Architecture and design consultants
- Equipment manufacturers
- Management consultants
- Technology and product marketers
- Financial institutions
- Legal firms
- Etc.
AGENDA/STRUCTURE

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KEY TRENDS AND OUTLOOK
- What have been the key sector trends over the past couple of years?
- What have been the recent developments in the sector?
- What are the key areas of concern for the sector?
- What is the future outlook?

AAI'S ACHIEVEMENTS, PLANS AND TARGETS
- What have been the key initiatives taken by AAI over the past year?
- What are AAI's plans to enhance airport capacity?
- What are the key issues and challenges?
- What strategies are being followed to address these challenges?

NCAP, 2016: IMPACT AND CHALLENGES
- What are the key features of NCAP, 2016?
- What has been the impact of the policy on the sector?
- What are the key areas of concern? How are these being addressed?

UPDATE ON REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY
- What are the key features of RCS?
- What is the progress so far under the scheme?
- What are the plans for developing low-cost airports/airstrips under RCS?
- What are the key issues and challenges?

REGULATORY PERSPECTIVE
- What has been the experience of AERA so far?
- What have been the key challenges?
- What are the future priorities?

PRIVATE DEVELOPER VIEWPOINT
- What has been the developers' experience so far?
- What are the biggest concerns? What are the lessons learnt?
- What are the future expansion plans/priorities of PPP metro airports?
- What are the upcoming opportunities?

FOCUS ON NAVI MUMBAI
- What is the current status of the Navi Mumbai airport?
- What are the timelines for project implementation?
- What are the upcoming opportunities?
- What are the key issues and challenges?

FOCUS ON MOPA
- What is the current status of Mopa airport?
- What are the timelines for project implementation?
- What are the key issues and challenges?

FINANCING OF AIRPORTS
- What is the current stance of investors on the sector?
- How has been their experience so far?
- What are the biggest concerns?
- What are the lessons learnt?

CARGO INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
- What are the key cargo-related initiatives being taken at Indian airports?
- What will be the impact of the creation of AAICLAS?
- What is the outlook? What are the future opportunities?

AIRPORT PROJECT SHOWCASE (OTHER GREENFIELD AND BROWNFIELD AIRPORTS)
- Which are some of the noteworthy projects? What were the key success factors in the execution of these projects?
- What were the key issues and challenges faced?
- What are the key lessons learnt?

OPERATIONS AND ASSET MANAGEMENT
- What are some of the best practices for optimising asset management?
- What has been the Indian experience so far?
- What are some of the noteworthy technology solutions for cost-effective maintenance and management?

AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN
- What are the key construction requirements for airport projects? What are the most promising technology solutions for airports?
- What are some of the new materials being used?
- What are the global best practices?

BUILDING SUSTAINABLE AIRPORTS
- What are the techniques being used to improve energy efficiency at airports?
- What are the technologies available for reducing the carbon footprint at airports (solar paneling, rainwater harvesting, etc.)?
- What are the global best practices?

AIR NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES
- What have been the recent advancements in CNS/ANS services at airports?
- What can the industry expect from the GAGAN project? What are the timelines?
- What are the key initiatives that can be expected in the next few years?

PASSENGER FACILITATION TECHNOLOGIES
- What are the new technologies being deployed to improve baggage management (automated check-in, handling, sorting, reconciliation, tracking and recovery, etc.)?
- What new technology measures are being introduced to improve the passenger experience (information and display systems, self check-in kiosks, etc.)?
- What can be learnt from the global experience?

AIRPORT SAFETY AND SECURITY
- What new initiatives have been taken to enhance safety and security at airports?
- What are some of the key technologies being deployed for airport safety and security?
- What are the international best practices?

IMPACT OF GST
- What have been the changes under the new GST regime for the airports sector?
- What has been the impact on various stakeholders?
- What are the unresolved issues and challenges? What is being done to address these?
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