



Celebrating the Indo-French cooperation in Civil Aviation with the Air Navigation Service Provider Management Masters programme completed by 49 Trainees and taught by a total of some 40 specialised French Aviation trainers, today Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the French National School of Civil Aviation (ENAC) are very happy to be awarding French masters degrees, to the successful trainees at this Graduation Ceremony held on the occasion of the India Aviation Air show in Hyderabad.

India is now one of the most dynamic economic zones in the world with GDP growth of approximately 7% per year. Driven by the economic growth engine, civil air transport growth in the Indian region is one of the five fastest-growing markets in terms of additional passengers per year.

Indian air traffic management sector is facing a tremendous growth of traffic leading to first signs of capacity congestion in the main airports. Therefore, Airports Authority of India (AAI) expects to be managing deep organizational and technological changes to accommodate the traffic growth in the next decades. One of the major challenges in such a context is to train competent and qualified personnel.

To ensure that enough qualified and competent aviation professionals are available to operate, manage and maintain the future international air transport system, the French National School of Civil Aviation, ENAC and AAI (Airports Authority of India) have jointly created a full-fledged Master program in Air Navigation Service Provider Management, specifically designed to fulfil the needs of the aviation industry in the Indian region. This cooperation has involved French teachers travelling to the Hyderabad campus of Civil Aviation Training College to dispense specialised training based on the experience and reputation the school has already acquired in this field.

The **Advanced Masters in Air Navigation Service Provider Management** is a one-year course which aims at providing students with competencies in the necessary organizational and technical fields both in terms of knowledge about the air traffic regulatory and technical framework, but also in the practical skills needed to manage an ANSP.

The first batch of Air Navigation Services (ANS) professionals started their training in March 2015 and have just finished the course at Hyderabad campus of Civil Aviation Training College. Those who completed the course successfully are awarded an Advanced Master degree.

The success of this first programme is now being built upon with a second intake of trainees having joined this course as of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016.