



## **Happy Air Traffic Controllers Day**

Dear Controllers,

Air Traffic Controllers' Guild (India) is a professional body comprising of all Air Traffic Controllers in India. It is affiliated as a Member Association of the International Federation and has been actively contributing to its goal of promoting safety, efficiency, and regularity in international air navigation and to assist and advise in the development of safe and orderly systems of air traffic control.

This is the 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Air Traffic Controllers Guild (India). Fifty six years back there were very few professional bodies in aviation and the Guild was one of them. This profession was and still is not known to many. They are the unsung heroes controlling thousands of flights daily and ensuring safe flight of lakhs of people. It is pleasing to know that the rules and regulations of ATC are followed universally as mandated by International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). The first objective of this profession is to avoid collision between aircrafts. They are doing so successfully for the last 50 years.

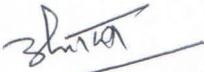
The liberal aviation policy of the Government of India, air traffic growth has been phenomenal in last decade but presently the whole world is passing through a very tough time because of COVID-19 pandemic and aviation is one of the hardest hit industry in the world. During this pandemic we have seen how our Pilot friends has evacuated our people stranded in other countries under the leadership of our Honourable Prime Minister and our controllers has guided them safely to their destinations, even pandemic could not stop our controllers to serve people.

The Indian airspace is geographically situated in a very strategic position. It is right in the middle of the East West aviation corridor of the world. This gives us a unique opportunity as well as places a huge responsibility on us for Air Traffic Management in India to enhance Safety, Efficiency and Economy.

I would like to congratulate especially young controllers for being in highly regarded profession living up to the expectations and privileged to be member of this professional body which is guided by accomplished professionals who are best in their services and who are personification of dedication and integrity.

Let us pledge for the highest commitment required to carry on the legacy established by ATC Guild India over a period of 56 years.

***Wish you all members of ATC Guild India a very happy "International day of The Air Traffic Controllers".***



**Alok Yadav**  
**General Secretary**