

ANNUAL REPORT

You may be aware that RWSI was registered with National Capital Territory Delhi on 18th June, 1998 (registration no. S 33154 of 1998 Govt. of NCT) as per the Societies Act 1860. It was formed to serve the Helicopter community's needs and promote the Industry. The Management has been sharing the progress of its activities with its members every quarter through Rotor India and through periodical reports published co-terminus with the previous Annual General Meetings (on completion of 48 months and 66 months). This Report covers the activities since the 4th Annual General Meeting on 5 Mar'05 held at HAL Management Academy Auditorium.

2. Since Mar'05, a total of 4 Corporate and 31 Life Members have joined the Society. With the addition of these members, we have over 81 as Corporate Members and 533 as Life Members. With their co-operation and support, the Society rededicates itself to the promotion of helicopter as a safe, effective method of commerce and to the advancement of Helicopter Industry in India.

3. This Report primarily covers the activities undertaken in promoting the Society's objects, future activities, membership and management inclusive of financial management.

Not-For-Profit Work

4. Besides numerous other activities in pursuit of its objects, the Society's income, earnings, movable, immovable properties of the Society shall be solely utilized and applied towards the promotion of its aims and objects as set forth in the Memorandum of Association. No profit thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, profits or income of any manner whatsoever to the present or past members of the Society or shall have any personal claim on any movable or immovable properties of the Society or make any profit, whatsoever by virtue of one's membership.

Governing Council

5. The names, addresses, occupations and designations of the present members of the governing council to whom the management of the Society is entrusted, as required under Section 2 of the Societies Registration Act of 1860, as applicable to the State of Delhi, are detailed at **Appendix-A** to this report.

Management of the Society

6. The Society is managed as per the RWSI Rule Book. A copy of it is sent to all the members at the time of dispatch of membership cards. At the formation, the Society had nil resource to support its activity. The entire responsibility of establishing the institution was left to the team of Air Vice Marshal (Retd.) K.Sridharan, Gp.Capt. (Retd.) S.K.Gupta Hony Secy Gen and Gp Capt T Jayaraman Treasurer later replaced by Air Cmde (Retd.) Ashok Rai Hony Admin & Finance Secy. Owing to the dedicated work of the team, a vibrant Society has been created. Now the Society operates from P-204, Sector-

21, NOIDA, Tel: 0120-2536730 with two full time staff members.

Governing Council Meetings

7. During the period under review, the Governing Council met on 29 Aug'05, 23 Nov'05 and 9 Dec'05. The Minutes of Governing Council meetings are kept on record:

8. As the Society had no funds at the inception of RWSI, the Governing Council therefore decided to first build up a corpus that could pay from its Interest the establishment expenditure. Every effort was therefore made to keep the expenditure down to allow building up the corpus. As you may see from the Audit Report, the entire membership fee and 25% percent of the advertisement receipts earned from Rotor India have been deposited in the corpus and the Society had been operated from the return of income from its FDs and the other surplus earned from other minor revenue heads.

9. Presently RWSI operates from P-204, Sector-21, NOIDA, Tel. 0120-2536730. The accommodation at AeSI HQs building at 13-B, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi, is vital for maintaining our existing registration NCT Delhi. As soon as the resources permit, it will be manned.

Activities in Promoting the Objects

10. Besides the promotion and diffusion of knowledge of the Aeronautical Sciences through its qly magazine "Rotor India", RWSI spared no effort in focusing the operators' efforts in improving safety of helicopter operations. Other major activities were:-

Participation in Roy Paul Committee.AVM KSridharan President RWSI was invited to participate in the discussions held by Roy Paul Committee at MOCA on 5 and 9 May'05 regarding decongesting metro airports including separate corridors for helicopters at Juhu and Delhi. The proposals received from AAI on the corridors for Juhu & Delhi has been published in RI (QE 30 Jun'05) for inviting suggestions from the Industry before reverting back to AAI. Since there has been no response from the operators it is proposed to progress the AAI proposal in its present form. Offshore committee has been asked to study the AAI proposal and confirm acceptance by 15 Feb 06.

Participation in DGCA Meeting on KC Committee Recommendations.RWSI representatives AVM K.Sridharan, Wg Cdr B.S.Singh Deo and Wg Cdr Ramesh Mallik participated in the discussions held at DGCA with the operators on 14 May'05 regarding the recommendations of Kaushik Committee on Training and Proficiency Monitoring of pilots. Second meeting on the subject on 15 Jun'05 was attended by AVM K.Sridharan.A special meeting with Mr P.K .Chattopadhyaya on the subject on 20 Jun'05 was attended by Capt Ramesh Mallik. The Joint DGCA has assured that any suggestion related to CAR will be consider and amendment issued if necessary. RWSI is in the process of consolidating the suggestions from the industry. Liaison with DGCA will continue.

- **Participation in Kaw Committee.** RWSI sent its suggestions to the Committee. Capt Uday Gelli was invited to participate in the discussions held by the Committee representatives at Mumbai on 7 Nov'05 regarding issues related to the Industry.
- **Regarding ICAO's proposed Amendments to Annex 6.** RWSI representatives AVM K.Sridharan, Wg Cdr B.S.Singh Deo and Capt Uday Gelli met Mr.P.K.Chattopadhyay Jt DGCA on 29 Aug'05 and conveyed their general acceptance to the proposal. Specific suggestions were forwarded to Jt DGCA by Fax on 15 Nov'05. A special meeting with Mr. Pk Chattopadhyay on the subject on 17 Nov'05 attended by Capt Ramesh Mallik
- **Promotion of helicopter as a safe & effective method of commerce.** RWSI availed the print and electronic media to counter the adverse publicity carried out by the media subsequent to the EC 120 accident on 31 Mar'05 in which two Haryana ministers were killed. Capt Ramesh Mallik, Gp Capt S.K.Gupta, Wg Cdr B.S.Singh Deo and AVM K.Sridharan participated in various programmes organised by Zee TV, Sahara TV, Star TV and Doordarsan respectively. A full page article "AAP's neglect of Juhu Airport Hinders Rescue Operations" written by AVM K.Sridharan was published on 31 Jul'05 in Deccan Chronical. Hindu also published a sanitised version of Juhu Airport floods on 5 Aug'05. As a result the AAI has launched modernization programme for Juhu airport. Already the Norwegian consultants are at work collecting views of the operators located at Juhu on the subject.
- **Publication of Rotor India.** In providing the latest information on safety trends, statistics and management techniques related to industry RWSI published two Rotor India publications (QE 31 Mar'05& QE 30 Jun'05) .A detailed account of EC 120 and R-44 accidents were covered in RI (QE 30 Jun'05). A detailed account of accident to Dhruv on 25 Nov 05 has been published in RI QE 31 Dec 05. Special Brochures for National Seminar on Disaster Management, Heli Safety and International Seminar, Heli Power India were released on 23 Nov'05,9 Dec'05 and 30 Dec'06 respectively.
- A National Seminar on "Future of Rotary Wing Technologies and Fractional Ownership Programme" on 5 Mar'05 was organized by RWSI (Southern Region) at Bangalore. Air Chief Marshal S.P.Tyagi was the Chief Guest and Mr. Ashok K Baweja Chairman HAL was the Chairman of the Inaugural Session. The Seminar was extremely well attended by over 200 delegates.
- On 23 Nov'05, RWSI (Northern Region) organized a National Seminar on "Role of Helicopters in Disaster Management" at Delhi Secretariat. Srimathi Sheila Dixit Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi was the Chief Guest and Mr.Vinod Chandra Menon was the Chairman at the Inaugural Session of the Seminar. Mr.P.K.Chattopadhyay Jt DGCA Chaired the Technical session. The Seminar was extremely well attended.
- RWSI (Western Region) organized a National Seminar on "Heli Safety" in JW Marriot, Juhu Mumbai on 9 Dec'05.Air

Marshal P.S.Ahluwalia DG (Inspection & Safety)Air Hqs was the Chief Guest at the Seminar. Mr.P.K.Chattopadhyay Jt DGCA Chaired the Inaugural and Technical sessions. Experts from Italy, Canada and Australia presented their papers at the Seminar.

- Towards enhancing professional skills especially for unrated pilots holding CHPL, to operate under Spl VFR, RWSI held two Ground Subject Capsules at, Delhi and Mumbai as per the syllabus laid down by DGCA.A total of 28 pilots successfully completed the Spl VFR capsules.
- The proposals submitted by RWSI Mumbai Chapter for entry and exit corridors for Juhu Airport and Improvement in weather Reporting at Juhu Airport was taken up with AAI and is under active consideration.AAI has already appointed a foreign consultant for upgrading Juhu Airport.
- Successful in progressing following concessions
 - i) Waiver of RNFC charges
 - ii) Abolition of IATT & review of Sales Tax on ATF. (in progress)
- Number of proposals to improve the quality of helipad/ heliports including the necessity for vertiports in the longer term was made in the Road Map forwarded to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MOCA) and also in the subsequent meeting held with Joint Secretary at the MOCA on 19 Nov'04.
- Rotor India has been publishing articles providing the latest information on safety trends, statistics and management techniques related to industry.
- Periodical meetings with Regulatory Authority were made to help establish an enabling environment (Pl see the details at page-12)
- Created a website for RWSI with voluntary support and placed various reports and studies published by it for the benefit of the Industry.
- The website of RWSI (rws.org) is also serving the Society as information system related to Rotor News and weather and other important notices to members.
- Patronage by the new Chief of the Army Staff was received by RWSI on 29 April 2005. Air Chief Marshal S.Krishnaswamy ex CAS IAF has kindly accepted the Honorary Membership of the Society.

Membership

11. Categories: The Society admits Institutions, Corporate and professionals of credentials as members. The categories of membership include Corporate Members, Life / Annual Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and Honorary Members. It is also proposed to award fellowship to its distinguished members who had made major contributions to the growth of the Society. The eligibility criteria for various categories of Membership are defined in the Rule Book.

12. Strength: The Society has now 81 Corporate, 533 Life Members, 16 Honorary Members (of whom ten are also Life Members). The list of Members is attached at **Appendix-B.**

Majority of the Helicopter operators in the country have joined the Society.

Financial Management

13. The Audit of Society accounts has been completed by Chartered Accountant M/s Raj K Sri & Co. upto financial year 2004-05. All queries by the Chartered Accountant were answered to their satisfaction. As decided in AGM, entire receipt on a/c of Life Membership, Corporate Membership, 50% of Advertisement Receipts. Heli Power India – 2004 receipt has been transferred to Corpus of the Society. During the year RWSI provided technical service for safety audit and conducted there Ground Training bringing additional income for the Society. The expenditure of the society was kept to the bare minimum with only 2 paid staff members. For other members who worked for the society in the voluntary basis no salary was provided. However expenditure were compensated by a fixed amount on monthly basis (Rs. 3000 to President, Rs. 5000 to Hony Secy Admin, and Rs. 500 to Member Editorial Board). In addition incidentals like conveyance/telephone/internet charges etc were reimbursed.

14. Investment of surplus fund has been made only in Nationalised Bank (Oriental Bank of Commerce Noida) in Fixed Deposit to earn worthy income FD investment as on 31.3.05 was Rs.5452450. (As on 31/12/05 is Rs.64.50 lac) Income Tax return for year 2002-03 & 2003-04 has been filed on 31.03.05 along with a copy each of the balance sheets. **(Please see Appendix-C).**

15. An application for Registration of Society under section 12A of IT Act and exemption of IT under section u/s 80G of IT Act had been submitted on 28 Feb'05 under the guidance of co-opted member of GC who was specially invited to GC for his expertise in the subject. ITax Authorities have not approved the application, therefore an appeal at ITAT, New Delhi has been filed on 20 Oct'05 as advised by specialist GC member (Co-opted). The balance sheet for year 2004-05 has been finalized and signed by office bearers & IT return for 2004-05 filed as soon as the balance sheet is approved by the AGM.

Internal Audit:

16. Internal audit of books of accounts for FY 2003-04 was carried out by a team of GC members in Sep/Oct 2005. Their report had brought out certain observation on procedures. These pertained to actions to be taken internally by treasure and also by our CA. Various observations made were more of procedural nature. A copy of the report was provided to our Chartered Accountant to ensure implementation of certain points in their statutory audits in future. The CA has confirmed that points raised by internal audit team would be implemented. No miss utilization, miss appropriation or wrong utilization of RWSI funds was brought out in internal audit. The internal audit was done after the balance sheet duly audited by the CA for those years were already approved by the AGM.

Activities proposed

17. Based on suggestions received from helicopter operators

during Heli Power India 2006, RWSI will prepare a "Road Map" for the industry and activities related to the Rotary wing Society of India. However, major issues to be addressed by the Society on priority are:-

- Special Entry/Exit Corridor for Juhu Airport is to be progressed.
- Special Entry/Exit Corridor for Palam Airport at New Delhi is to be progressed.
- Build capacities to hold CRM, Spl VFR and IF training capsules at RWSI.
- Access to airspace and landing sites, Improvement of ATC facilities for helicopters.
- Capacity building of professionals for handling third party safety audit of helicopter operators.
- Capacity building of professionals in co-operation with International Helicopter Associations to handle safety Audit of ONGC oil rigs & platforms.
- Carry out independent analysis of accidents to civil registered helicopters to issue alerts to the helicopter operators of impending safety hazards.
- Work with the Industry for an integrated approach to maintenance and product support programmes.
- Popularising the Helicopter as an economically viable means for transporting passengers and cargo.
- promoting an effective search and rescue organization in India
- Development of a sound support industry.
- Finding solutions to common Op & Fiscal bottlenecks experienced by the helicopter operators.
- Creation of Helicopter Advisory Board.
- Creation of Regional Flight Inspectors & rationalizing the fee charged by examiners for Proficiency Monitoring.
- To assist Govts in usage of helicopters in Disaster Management Plans.

18. Heli-Power India-2006 is proposed to be held during 30-31 January 2006 at Air Force Auditorium, New Delhi to provide a platform for elements of the military and civil industry to come together to review and optimize the usage of helicopters.

Need for Continued Support from the Industry

19. RWSI has been brought to the present stature from ground zero by dedicated teamwork of the functionaries with phenomenal support of the Corporate Members. As RWSI has already shown that it can well serve the interest of the industry. We need not only the Industry's continued support but also their active participation in conceptualizing RWSI's activities and supporting its implementation.



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