

UPES alumna is the ACI Asia-Pacific Young Executive of the Year 2017

New Delhi, April 27, 2017: Ms. Surabhi Rana, an MBA Aviation Management student of University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES) is the winner of the Airports Council International-Asia Pacific Young Executive of the Year 2017. She has won this award for her submission on the topic '*Challenges and Opportunities for Small and Emerging Airports in the 21st century*', which offered practical solutions that may be considered by small and emerging airports in order to remain viable and competitive.

Surabhi is a 2006-2008 pass out from UPES and is currently working with Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Ltd. In her award-winning research submission she highlights that though the business of small and emerging airports is challenging, it is exciting as well with a plethora of opportunities and overwhelming spin-off effects. Therefore, these airports must:

- Adopt a culture of sustainability and innovation
- Have a holistic approach to position themselves as lucrative business units
- Explore innovative ways to minimise capital and operating costs
- Engage stakeholders effectively to maximise values
- Offer a unique business proposition to attract investments
- Look for partnership opportunities at all levels for cost sharing and reduced overheads

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Catching up on global trend, in last few years there has been a growing demand for candidates with specialized MBA in India as well as industries have increased their focus on hiring talent in specialized areas. Specialized MBAs are also a favourite amongst management students because they are encouraged to apply what they learn about an industry in a practical way. Last year UPES placed 95% of its eligible students pursuing various specialized MBA programs in organizations like Accenture, Adani Wilmar, Decathlon Sports India, FedEx, Nestle, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and others.

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