



Captain Samir Kohli, winner of the 2014 Cecil A Brownlow Award for excellence in Aviation Safety (Awarded by the US based NGO, The Flight Safety Foundation) is the only Indian to be ever awarded an International Aviation Safety Award. He started his career as a Helicopter Pilot with the Indian Navy.

After 21 years of glorious military service which included three tours of combat duty during which he was awarded a Navy Medal for gallantry in action and a Presidents Silver Medal among several other awards, commendations and mention in dispatches, he chose to hang his uniform and step into the world of Civil Aviation. He is an Aircraft Accident investigator, a Human Factors specialist and an ICAO qualified Safety Management Systems Trainer. He has worked as the Head of Safety at the New Bangalore International Airport and as the Senior Aviation Advisor with the Italian State Oil company, ENI.

He has had the privilege to be a member of the Airports Council International Operational World Safety Subcommittee from which he was nominated to the ICAO Heliports Design Working Group for the specific task of the review and revision to the ICAO Annex 14 Vol 2 – Heliports. Samir has over 32 years of senior management experience at managing diverse, distributed and multi-cultural teams in high-risk and high value operations. He specializes in delivering Enterprise Risk Management, Cost control, leadership and mentoring to operational as well as administrative teams. He now operates his own Aviation Safety Consultancy firm, 'The Erring Human®' as Founder and CEO