

PRESS RELEASE

GMR School of Aviation Launched by Hon'ble Minister for Civil Aviation

***First of its kind institute to offer on the job training integrated course at an
operational MRO***

Hyderabad, January 18th, 2024 – GMR Aero Technic, the MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul) division of GMR Air Cargo and Aerospace Engineering Ltd. (GACAEL), marked a milestone in aviation with the inauguration of the GMR School of Aviation in collaboration with Airbus, a global leader in the aerospace industry. The school was digitally launched by the Honorable Minister of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India, Shri. Jyotiraditya Scindia at Wings India 2024, Asia's largest event on Civil Aviation. It may be recalled that the foundation stone of the school was also laid by the Honorable Minister for Civil Aviation in 2021. Strategically located within the GMR Aerospace and Industrial Park at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad, GMR School of Aviation is poised to become a beacon of excellence in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering.

The school will offer a fully integrated 4-year AME program along with type training. It has been certified by DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) and EASA (European Union Aviation Safety Agency). The school has a technical collaboration with Airbus and is a first of its kind institution in India to offer a combined B1.1 and B2 Aircraft Maintenance Engineering licensing program, Aircraft Specific Type Training Courses and Ancillary Courses like Aircraft structures, Aircraft composite courses. Airbus will provide the necessary courseware in the form of technical handbooks, examination database and access to the Airbus Competence Training (ACT) for Academy media package. In addition, Airbus will also qualify GMR instructors along with assessment of the training centre.

Speaking on this occasion, Mr. Ashok Gopinath, President and Accountable Manager, GMR Aero Technic said, "GMR School of Aviation, the first-of-its-kind school in this region will be a global benchmark and Centre of Excellence in the field of Aviation Education, setting new standards and raising the bar of Aviation Education worldwide. For the MRO industry that is expected to grow to over US\$ 2.4 billion by 2028, this school will be a game changer. It will equip students aspiring for a successful career with expertise and make them future ready for the burgeoning aviation industry globally."

“The development of a strong indigenous MRO industry is a major focus of Airbus as part of the broader Airbus’ ambition to grow a comprehensive and efficient aviation ecosystem in India. This partnership with GMR will generate a strong pipeline of qualified maintenance experts in the country to boost the MRO industry and further support our airline partners. Airbus will continue to invest in human capital development in the country along with partners such as GMR”, said Rémi Maillard, President and Managing Director, Airbus India and South Asia.

Students who have passed with 10+2 examination with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics are eligible to enroll in the courses. The selection process for admission will be determined by an entrance examination and students need to score a minimum of 65%. Students joining the EASA program will have the opportunity to complete two years of academic training in the campus and two years on job training in GMR Aero Technic. Rigorous training and examination at the school will prepare the Aircraft Maintenance Engineers for certification processes and regulatory compliance.

The school will shape the lives of many by creating job opportunities in a niche aviation segment for aspirants in the aviation industry. Aligned to the government’s vision of “Atma Nirbhar Bharat” the school is all set to propel a globally competitive MRO industry.

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