

MEDIA RELEASE

6th ICAO Global Aviation Training and TRAINAIR PLUS Symposium begins in New Delhi

- *GMR Aviation Academy (GMR AA) is the only Aviation Academy in India conferred with the Regional Training Centre of Excellence (RTCE) recognition from International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)*
- *Organized by ICAO, the event is Co-hosted by Delhi International Airport Ltd. (DIAL), GMR Airports and GMR Aviation Academy*
- *GMR Aviation Academy offers best-in-class Aviation training across all functions*

New Delhi, December 04, 2019: At the 6th edition of ICAO Global Aviation Training and TRAINAIR PLUS Symposium, GMR Aviation Academy, the aviation-skills Training & Development arm of GMR Group, received a plaque for confirmation of its status as a **Regional Training Centre of Excellence (RTCE)** from ICAO. Starting today, the three day event is being organised under the aegis of GMR AA and Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), in Delhi.

This event hosted by GMR AA and DIAL, provides a networking opportunity with the best-in-class Aviation Academies and professional bodies around the world. This enables collaborative learning from the collective wisdom and meeting the expectations of customers and stakeholders.

GMR AA has taken aviation specialised training to new heights by forging ties with the ace Aviation Training Institutions globally, recognized under the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). It offers a comprehensive package of Training and Development programmes across all functions to bridge the current and emerging competency gaps.

The theme of the event is '**Innovative Training for New Horizons**'. The objective of the symposium is to provide an ideal platform to showcase the latest trends, technologies and tools that will usher in a revolution in the aviation industry. Every year, over 500 delegates gather at similar function from across the world hosted by leading Global Training Institutions.

The event is aimed at key topics of discussion, which includes innovation in training, adapting to the changing demographics, use of augmented and virtual reality platforms and simulation based training methods, and impact of academia and research in training.

Commenting at the global event, Mr. G. B. S. Raju, Chairman of the GMR Airport Group, India said, *“The systemic shortage of skilled resources requires more concentrated efforts at a global level. I am glad that ICAO, acting through its Global Aviation Training Office & its Regional Training partners, has taken a number of noteworthy initiatives to support Human Resources Development strategies. This will ensure supply of adequate number of qualified & skilled personnel to meet the current and future demand. The ICAO TRAINAIR PLUS Symposium is a key initiative in this regard and we at GMR Airports Limited are proud to be a part of this.”*

Mr. Pradeep Singh Kharola, Secretary Ministry of Civil Aviation, who graced the occasion as the chief guest, said, *“The 6th Global Aviation Training and TRAINAIR Plus Symposium 2019 is a wonderful event for both professionals and stakeholders. Such events help them in sharing research details and allow them to learn about recent innovations and methodologies of trainings from colleagues around the world.”*

Mr. Meshesha Belayneh, Deputy Director - Technical Cooperation Bureau, ICAO said, *“The ever growing TRAINAIR PLUS network has made significant contributions in capacity-building since its inception. ICAO is highly committed to providing targeted assistance and capacity-building to its Member States in the areas of Human Resource developments strategies and Aviation training. I would like to thank GMR Aviation Academy and DIAL for hosting this event. I would also like to congratulate them for achieving the plaque for RTCE status.”*

As part of the symposium, the international delegates will be taken for a Delhi tour, highlighting the rich culture and heritage of this city. The tourist attractions will include Qutub Minar, Gandhi Smriti, Humayun’s Tomb, India Gate and Rashtrapati Bhawan.

The world would be handling 6 billion passengers and 60 million annual flights by the year 2030 while the Indian Aviation sector is pegged to double its size by then. Government of India has taken initiative to develop skills of Aviation enthusiasts through various Skill Development Councils including Civil Aviation.

About GMR Aviation Academy

GMR Aviation Academy (GMR AA) was established at the state-of-the-art Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Shamshabad, Hyderabad in 2009, with the objective of providing professional training and enhancing the knowledge and skills of GMR Airports’ personnel. Over the years, it has emerged as a global gateway for Aviation learning in India for not only GMR’s own personnel; but also for the people of its peers and allied

agencies in India and abroad with a full-fledged unit in Delhi too. The Academy conducts training programmes accredited by Airports Council International (ACI), International Air Transport Association (IATA), International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), and Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) of India with focus on Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa regions. GMR AA is recognized by ICAO, ACI, IATA, DGCA and BCAS of India. The Academy is the only one of its kind in India to have been conferred with the “Regional Training Centre of Excellence” (RTCE) stature by ICAO and as “Global Training Hub” by the ACI. In line with the government’s new skill development initiatives, the Academy is all set to venture into several areas of Civil Aviation Training focused on the growing demand, technology and demographic coverage.

About GMR Infrastructure Limited

GMR Infrastructure Limited is a leading global infrastructure conglomerate with interests in Airport, Energy, Transportation and Urban Infrastructure.

GMR Group’s Airport portfolio has around 159 mn passenger capacity in operation and under development, comprising of India’s busiest Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi, Hyderabad’s Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Mactan Cebu International Airport in partnership with Megawide in Philippines. While Greenfield projects under development includes Airport at Mopa in Goa and Airport at Heraklion, Crete, Greece in partnership with GEK Terna. The GMR-Megawide consortium has won the Clark International Airport’s EPC project, the second project in Philippines. The Group recently received Letter of Intent for development and operations of Nagpur Airport on PPP basis and development and operation of Greenfield airport at Bhogapuram in Andhra Pradesh. GMR Group is developing very unique airport cities on the commercial land available around its airports in Delhi, Hyderabad and Goa.

The Group’s Energy business has a diversified portfolio of around 4,600 MWs, of which 3,000 MWs of Coal, Gas and Renewable power plants are operational and around 1,600 MWs of power projects are under various stages of construction and development. The group also has coal mines in Indonesia, where it has partnered with a large local player.

Transportation and Urban Infrastructure division of the Group has six operating highways project spanning over 2,400 lane km. The Group has a large EPC order book of railway track construction including Government of India’s marquee Dedicated Freight Corridor project. It is also developing multi-product Special Investment Regions spread across ~2100 acres at Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu and 10,400 acres at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh.

GMR Group, through its Corporate Social Responsibility arm GMR Varalakshmi Foundation, carries out community based development initiatives at over 24 different locations across India.

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