

UK is Partner Country for Mega Event

Civil Aviation Secretary Launches 'India Aviation 2012' to be Held in Hyderabad from March 14-18, 2012

Civil Aviation Ministry-FICCI Show to Witness Over 250 Exhibitors from Across the World

NEW DELHI, July 14, 2011. Dr. Nasim Zaidi, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, today launched India Aviation 2012, the 3rd International Exhibition and Conference on Civil Aviation, to be held at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad (India) from March 14-18, 2012.

The mega event, the largest international exhibition and conference on civil aviation in India, is being organized by the Ministry of Civil Aviation jointly with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), will witness the participation of over 250 exhibitors comprising of who Aircraft Manufacturers, Aircraft Machinery & Equipment Companies, Aircraft Interiors, Airlines, Airlines Services & Air Cargo, Skill Development, Airport and Infrastructure, MROs. The exhibition will be spread over an area of 20,000 square meters.

UK is the partner country for the 2012 event with France as Focus country and USA as the Guest Country. The Host State is Andhra Pradesh and the Overseas Associate for the show is Farnborough International Ltd.

Supported by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), Air India, Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), India Aviation 2012 will, apart from the Exhibition, have a conference on policy issues and business aspects of the civil aviation sector, a CEOs Forum representing chief executives of leading aviation companies, Chalets, Static Display, Demonstration Flights and Media Conferences.

The third edition of India Aviation has already received an overwhelming response from industry worldwide. Major companies such as Air Works India Engineering Pvt. Ltd., Bombardier, Bell Helicopters, CAA Bahrain, CAE, HAL, Hawker Beech Craft, Indocopters Ltd., International Aero Engines, Lufthansa Technik, Rolls Royce, The Boeing Company, EADS, Airbus, Agustwestland, Selexhhhh have already confirmed their participation. Scores of other companies are in the process of finalizing their bookings for the upcoming event.

India Aviation 2012 assumes importance for the global civil aviation industry as business opportunities open up in India's civil aviation sector.

These can be gauged from the fact that:

- Investments are being made to build & renew airport infrastructure to handle the growing air traffic of over 580 million passengers by 2016-17

- Airport Authority of India has proposes spend of Rs 4662 crore to modernize 35 Non-Metro airports to world-class standards
- In order to encourage private participation in the airport infrastructure sector the government has further liberalized the foreign equity participation up to 100 per cent
- 80 airports will be upgraded to meet all operational communication requirements of air traffic services
- Creating of a multi modal cargo hub also offers a great business opportunity
- Alliance Air proposes to develop green fields airports for ATR-72 operation in three states of India
- 10 green field airports are also being planned
- Training facilities at Indra Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Academy (IGRUA) will also be upgraded. IGRUA is planning to spend US\$ 5.25 million for this single project
- Government proposes to establish a premier pilot training institute at Gondia, Maharashtra & will look for entering into joint ventures
- The MRO business is also set to gain momentum considering the low cost and highly skilled labour in India coupled with cost sensitive customers & growing fleet size. Thus posing a significant investment opportunity with a potential to service a fleet of 1000 commercial and 500 general aviation aircraft

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