



# GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY 2025

विमानन का ज्ञान,  
नारी शक्ति के नाम

In pursuit of its mission, Women in Aviation India continues its march across the length and breadth of the country, reaching out to girls, inspiring, mentoring and encouraging them to become a part of the burgeoning aviation landscape.

In 2025, the 10th edition of Girls in Aviation Day, programs were organised across 11 cities and 2 more are still to go.

Our hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji says, **"The progress of humanity is incomplete without the empowerment of women."**

His vision aligns fascinatingly with our mission. 'Girls in Aviation Day' has been celebrated every year, touching the lives of thousands of girls in person and multifold otherwise, across more than 35 cities in India.

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state Governments, airports, airlines amidst other stakeholders of the Indian aviation industry. Last year, Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India, Shri Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu led the Girls in Aviation Day celebrations on his home turf in Srikakulam. We are delighted to share that a batch of outstanding students from the state were conferred scholarships and have successfully completed courses in aviation.

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Kempegowda International Airport, GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited, Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport – Chandigarh, Make My Trip, Blue Dart Aviation, Millennium Aerodynamics, Top Crew Aviation, SaiKripa NGO and Bird Group.

Signature WAI merchandise, including books on career opportunities are distributed amongst the students including GIAD t-shirts and bags as a souvenir, which will always remind them that the skies are always open for them to fly higher in life and that Women in Aviation India will always be there as a lighthouse.

We sincerely thank our partners, without their support we would not have been able to make these programs a success. Here's to taking more such successful flights of joy, inspiration & encouragement, together!



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## PROGRAM LAYOUT



**girls** in  
aviation day  
Women in Aviation India

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## विमानन का ज्ञान, नारी शक्ति के नाम

On a mission to Give Wings to Dreams  
Women in Aviation India celebrates  
the milestone 10th Girls in Aviation Day 2025

A clarion call, 'Beti ki Udaan, Desh Ka Swabhimaan' has been the inspiration, the guiding light for Women in Aviation India, a group of dynamic women who are determined to re-write the history of women in aviation in our industry today! During this path breaking journey, Girls in Aviation Day has been celebrated every year, touching the lives of thousands of girls in person and multifold otherwise, across 35 cities in India. Women in Aviation India first celebrated Girls in Aviation Day in the year 2016 and this year the milestone 10th edition was held across the country. During this illustrious, path breaking journey, every year we have received the undivided support of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, and its associated organizations, state Governments, airports, airlines amidst other stakeholders of the Indian aviation industry. Last year, Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India, Shri Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu led the Girls in Aviation Day celebrations on his home turf in Srikakulam. We are delighted to share that a batch of outstanding students from the state were conferred scholarships and have successfully completed courses in aviation.

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## NOIDA

**Date:** September 11th, 2025

**Venue:** Sai Kripa NGO-Sai vocational Training centre, Noida, Uttar Pradesh

**Partners:** Sai Kripa NGO-Sai Vocational Training Centre, Noida, Uttar Pradesh & Bird Foods

**Speakers:** Capt. Priya Jain, Senior First Officer, Air India and Member-WAI  
Ms. Neerja Sodhi (Retd.) Head- Public Relations & Lounges at IGI Airport - T3 and Member-WAI  
Ms. Vineetha G., Sr. Manager-Training, Bird Academy and Member-WAI  
Ms. Sonia Kapila, Sr. Soft Skill and Aviation Instructor, Bird Trustee Services Pvt. Ltd. and Member-WAI  
Ms. Nitu Rao, HOD-HR (Bird Travels Pvt. Ltd.) & Member-WAI



## HYDERABAD

**Date:** September 12th, 2025

**Venue:** GMR School of Aviation and GMR Aero academy at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Shamshabad, Hyderabad

**Partners:** GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL), GlobeGround India Pvt. Ltd., Blue Dart Aviation & Zilla Parishad School Mammadpally

**Speakers:** Ms. Sangeetha C.R, Head Corporate Communication, GHIAL and Member- WAI  
Ms. Charulatha Pasupuleti, Head - MEP & Airport Systems - BD, Master Planning and Member- WAI  
Ms. Lily Correa, Vice President-Airport Operations, GHIAL  
Ms. Deva Benci D, Instructor 147, Quality, Safety & Training, GMR School of Aviation  
Ms. Haripriya Palanvel, Officer - Fire Prevention, Airport Rescue & Fire Fighting, GHIAL  
Ms. Bheri Vijaya Laxmi, Duty Manager, GGI  
Ms. Padmini Chandrashekar Rajput, Senior Executive AME, Base Maintenance- MRO





## GURUGRAM

**Date:** October 6th, 2025

**Venue:** DIKSHA (Developing Initiatives for Knowledge and Social and Humanitarian Activities)-CSO/NGO

**Partners:** Top Crew Aviation, DIKSHA (Developing Initiatives for Knowledge and Social and Humanitarian Activities)-CSO/NGO and Bird Food

**Speakers:** WAI Members -  
Capt. Anushree Varma, Chief Advisor, Top Crew Aviation  
Capt. Poonam Gaur, Co-founder & Director, Air Taxi  
Ms. Sonia Kapila, Sr. Soft Skill and Aviation Instructor, Bird Trustee Services Pvt. Ltd. and Member WAI



## SIMULATOR SESSION

Organized by Top Crew Aviation for four outstanding girls from Diksha School, Gurugram

The young girls got a hands-on experience with flight simulators and received an engaging briefing from the expert trainers of Top Crew Aviation

**Venue & Partner:** Top Crew Aviation

**Date:** November 6th, 2025



## DEHRADUN

**Date:** October 15th, 2025

**Venue:** Olympus High School, Dehradun

**Partners:** Olympus High School, Dehradun and Bird Foods

**Speakers:** Ms. Pragati Kamboj, Assistant Professor (Aviation Management), UIM, Uttranchal University and Member-WAI  
Ms. Neerja Sodhi, Manager-Commercial (Retd.), Ex Air India Ltd. and Member-WAI  
Ms. Namita Mamgain- Honorary Principal of B.S. Negi MPPS – Women Polytechnic, located in the ONGC Campus, Kaulagarh and Member WAI



## CHANDIGARH

**Date:** October 24th, 2025

**Venue:** Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport, Chandigarh

**Partners:** : Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport, Chandigarh, Bird Airport Services (Mohali) Pvt. Ltd. and Govt. Girl Model Senior Secondary School

**Speakers:** WAI Members: Ms. Vineetha, Sr. Manager-Training, Bird Academy  
Ms. Bhawna Arora, Airport Manager, Bird Airport Services (Mohali) Pvt. Ltd.

From the Airport:

Mr. Ajay Verma – CEO, CHIAL

Mr. G Bhuvnesh Kumar – CASO

Ms. Taranjit Kaur – Inspector, CISF

Mr. Gaurav Lakhanpal, APM, Air India

Mr. Rajesh Insha, APM, Air India Express

Ms. Deepika Kalia, Air India

Ms. Navneet Kaur, Air India

Ms. Radhika Dobhal, Security, Air India Express



## AGRA

**Date:** October 25th, 2025

**Venue:** Ek Pahel School, Agra

**Partners:** Ek Pahel School-Agra, Agra Airport, Bird Flight Services (India) Pvt. Ltd

**Speaker:** WAI Members:

Ms. Kirti Tiwari, Airport Service Manager, Oman Air-Delhi

Capt. Poonam Gaur, Co-Founder & Director, Air Taxi (Aviation Connectivity & Infrastructure Developers Pvt. Ltd.)

Ms. Sonia Kapila, Sr. Soft Skill and Aviation Instructor, Bird Trustee Services Pvt. Ltd.



## PALI

**Date:** November 15th, 2025

**Venue:** M.S. Kanwar International School, Pali

**Partners:** M.S. Kanwar International School, Pali

**Speakers:** Ms. Kamal Chakravarty, Vice President-Strategy, WAI and CFO, Bird Group  
Ms. Kirti Tiwari, Airport Service Manager, Oman Air-Delhi and Member-WAI

Ms. Vineetha, Sr. Manager, Training, Bird Academy, Member-WAI





## THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

**Date:** November 18th, 2025

**Venue:** Trivandrum International Airport

**Partners:** Trivandrum International Airport and St. Roch's Convent school, Valiathoppu, Trivandrum

**Speakers:** Ms. Anju John, Airport Manager-Airport Services, Maldivian Airlines and Member-WAI

### **Speakers from the Airport**

Ms. Vrinda Nair, Vice Chairman, Airline Operators Committee

Ms. Subina Sali, Ex Cabin Crew

Ms. Rajeswari, Terminal Manager

Ms. Veena, Srilankan Airlines

Ms. Vidhya, Bird GSEC

Ms. Aparna, Junior officer AOCC, TIAL

Ms. Diya Sebastian, Assistant Manager, Engineering Dept., TIAL

Ms. Archa, Horticulture Dept., TIAL

Ms. Jessa Asif, Pilot Trainee, RAGAAT



## MUMBAI

**Date:** November 21st, 2025

**Venue:** MCA Recreation Centre, Mumbai

**Partners:** Millennium Aero Dynamics Pvt. Ltd., Bird Airport Services (Mumbai) Pvt. Ltd, Blue Dart Aviation & Kherwadi Municipal School, Gazdar Park Manekji Municipal School

**Speakers:** Ms. Mamta Patwa, Director – Corporate Channel, MakeMyTrip

Ms. Sujata Mariwala, Marketing Sales Representative Partner India & Asia, Hitit Airline IT Solutions & Member-WAI

Ms. Archana Waghdare, General Manager – Administration, Procurement & Accounts, Bird Airport Services Mumbai Pvt. Ltd. and Member-WAI

Commander Pushpa Pandey, General Manager, Navi Mumbai International Airport and Member-WAI

Ms. Minal Naik, Head – Corporate & Guest Relations, Navi Mumbai International Airport, Ms. Shivani Hire, Manager – Talent Engagement & Communication, Millennium Aerodynamics



## KOLKATA

**Date:** November 27th, 2025

**Venue:** Dum Dum Girls High School

**Partners:** Dum Dum Girls High School and Blue Dart Aviation

**Speakers:** Ms. Deblina Ramachandran, Senior Manager-Station, Air India Express and Member-WAI

Ms. Sudha Renganathan, GM Ops, Airport Authority of India, Kolkata

Ms. Pampa Mahanta, Station Manager, Akasa Air

Ms. Yangden, Airport Manager, Druk Air

Ms. Anushila Chaturvedi, Station Manager, Emirates, Chairperson – AOC, Kolkata

Ms. Sonia Kapila, Sr. Soft Skill and Aviation Instructor, Bird Trustee and Member-WAI



## AIRPORT TOUR

**Date:** December 10th, 2025

**Venue:** Kheria Airport, Agra

20 enthusiastic young girls from 'Ek Pahel' B.R. Memorial Welfare Society, participants of the Girls in Aviation Day 2025 program held at the school in October'25 enjoyed an enriching visit to Kheria Airport, Agra. Mr. Vivek Kumar Sharma, Airport Director of Agra, guided the girls throughout the tour and made them familiar with the departure & arrival procedures, where the students gained first-hand insights into the diverse career opportunities available at the airport.





## JEWAR

**Date:** December 18th, 2025

**Venue:** Sarvhitakari School, Dayantpur, Jewar

**Partners:** Sarvhitakari School, Dayantpur, Jewar,  
Bird Group, Noida International Airport

**Speakers:** WAI Members-

Ms. Vineetha, Sr. Manager-Training, Bird Academy,  
Ms. Sonia Kapila, Sr. Soft Skill and Aviation  
Instructor, Bird Trustee Services Pvt. Ltd.

**Speakers from Noida Internal Airport –**

Ms. Aradhna Rawat, Senior Architect

Ms. Mili Saxena, Head-HR

Ms. Surabhi Rana, Head – Aero Commercial



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our mission of advancing and empowering women in aviation.*







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Pali



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Jewar