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MESSAGE

It gives me immense pride to congratulate 'Women in Aviation (WAI), India' on the 10th anniversary of their dedicated service to the aerospace sector. Over the past ten years, WAI's initiatives have inspired women to dream beyond boundaries and take their rightful place in the skies.

Under the empowering leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi Ji, women have been at the forefront of nation building. Civil aviation in particular stands out as a Naari Shakti success story, with women's participation surpassing global averages across roles like Pilots, ATCs, Flight dispatchers and technicians.

Time and again, I have personally witnessed women redefining excellence in traditionally male-dominated fields, be it engineering, business, politics or niche sectors like aviation. One of my sincere commitments is to transform the civil aviation sector into a more inclusive space by significantly enhancing women's participation.

We have also launched a nationwide Career Guidance Program in aviation, with a special outreach mandate for female students. My vision is to build an ecosystem where every girl who looks at the sky believes she can fly.

In pursuit of this, WAI's support in grassroots awareness and professional mentorship has been truly commendable. On this note, I extend my sincere wishes to Mrs. Radha Bhatia, President, Women in Aviation India who has led this organization with grit and passion and continues empower young women.

Let us spread the word that the skies have no gender!

(Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu)

**Mr. Rajiv Nayan Choubey, IAS (retd.)**

Member of the Union Public Service Commission, Former Secretary Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India

"Women in Aviation India (WAI)" is a proof that when one woman sets out to achieve a goal and is further supported by a group of like minded women, there is nothing they cannot achieve.

I witnessed the formation of this organisation. Initially I was apprehensive of WAI becoming yet another non profit organisation existing largely on paper. But to my delight and surprise, WAI grew from strength to strength, adding more and more women aviators, reaching out to more cities and most importantly, inspiring thousands of young girls.

I have no doubt that this flight will only soar higher and higher.

I assure Mrs Bhatia and Women in Aviation India of my continued selfless support.

**Mr. Milan R. Zatakia**

Chairman and CEO
Millenium Aero Dynamics Pvt. Ltd

"Over these ten years, under your able leadership (Mrs Radha Bhatia), Women in Aviation, India has not just opened doors, it has opened hearts and horizons for thousands of girls who now dare to see themselves in the skies. Each mentoring session, airside visit and Girls in Aviation Day has quietly planted a seed of confidence, belonging and possibility in young minds across the country. It is a privilege for Millennium to stand beside you in this journey – to celebrate every first solo, every scholarship, every dream that found its wings through your efforts and vision. As we look ahead, the hope is to deepen this partnership: reaching more schools and smaller towns, and villages, creating stronger mentoring circles, and building pathways so that every girl who looks up at an aircraft knows there is a place for her in this story. Together, we can keep turning curiosity into courage, and dreams into flight. Please be rest assured we are here to support you for the next decade and more and we look forward to working with you and your able leadership team."

**Mr. Deep Kalra**

Founder & Chairman, MakeMyTrip

Over the last decade, Women in Aviation India has not only opened doors for young girls to discover aviation but has also expanded what they believe is possible for themselves. We are proud to support initiatives that create exposure, confidence, and pathways for the next generation of women in aviation. It is not just about representation; it is about building a stronger, more inclusive future for the industry itself.

**Mr. Hari Marar**

MD & CEO

Bangalore International Airport Limited.

"India's rapidly growing aviation sector is creating diverse opportunities, enabling greater participation and leadership for women across the industry. India is now emerging as a global example, with women aviation professionals playing an increasingly visible role across the aviation ecosystem.

At BLR Airport, supporting women in aviation is a strong and deliberate commitment. Starting from recruitment, we are intentional about increasing women's participation in the workforce through a "positive preference" approach – where, with all qualifications being equal, preference is given to women candidates. We work closely with our partners and stakeholders to foster an inclusive environment where women can grow, lead, and thrive across roles and functions.

This commitment is reflected across the organisation, with several of our key departments – including operations, CSR, Customer Experience, Design, Marketing, and HR – being led by women. As we look ahead, we remain committed to creating meaningful opportunities, inspiring the next generation, and advancing India's aviation journey together."

**Mr. S. Suhas**

IAS

Managing Director,
Cochin International Airport

Modern aviation is being reshaped by the expanding leadership, technical expertise and operational excellence of women across its value chain. At Cochin International Airport, women are not participants at the margins of aviation; they are central to its everyday functioning and future direction. From the critical runway maintenance team comprising a considerable number of women professionals led by a woman engineer, to the core technological development of our in-house DigiYatra software and the high-responsibility roles in aviation security and across other operational domains, reflects their contributions that are both visible and indispensable.

CIAL believes empowering women in aviation goes beyond representation. It's about building systems where talent and innovation thrive. Initiatives like Women in Aviation, India inspire, connect and sustain momentum, creating pathways for meaningful participation, leadership and lasting impact across the sector.

**Mr. Pradeep Panicker**

Chief Executive Officer

GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd. (GHIAL)

At Hyderabad International Airport, women are not just participating team members- they are leaders, decision-makers, and trailblazers in every aspect of our operations. From senior leadership roles to airside functions and offbeat areas such as cargo handling and forklift operations, women are driving performance every day. Hyderabad Airport is the crucible for talent pool across the GMR Group. We have nurtured an inclusive work culture focused at women occupying key roles in the hierarchy not just across our operations in India but also at our global airports. The organization also through the CSR arm GMR Varalakshmi Foundation educates, empowers and employs women from the communities around our operations. Through focused training, skill-building and inclusive workplace practices, we are enabling young women to break stereotypes and build long-term careers in aviation. Empowering women strengthens our airport ecosystem, enhances operational excellence, and reflects our commitment to building a progressive, future-ready inclusive and diverse aviation industry.

**Mr. Navin Berry**

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Women in Aviation India, under the inspiring leadership of Radha ji, has been assiduously working towards engaging young generations of women into aviation, a growing industry that breeds gender equality. Witness the increasing number of women in the cockpits across our airlines, or women on duty in the air, and on the ground. With completion of ten years, Women in Aviation India has indeed achieved a most credible landmark. More speed, more tailwinds to your efforts, Radha ji. Keep walking.

**Ms. Devika Jeet**

Director

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"Aviation is an industry built on ambition, discipline and the belief that no horizon is out of reach. What Women in Aviation India has consistently demonstrated is that real progress begins with early inspiration and sustained commitment. By reaching young girls across cities and communities, and by investing time, effort and purpose into initiatives like Girls in Aviation Day, you are not just opening doors to careers, you are shaping mindsets and futures. At a time when aviation continues to rise above global challenges, empowering women to see their place within this industry is both timely and essential. I deeply admire the dedication and vision of the Women in Aviation India team and we are proud to support a movement that is creating lasting impact, confidence and opportunity for the next generation of women in aviation."