

Message from Director, IGRUA on the 80th Independence Day

Officers, Instructors, Staff, Cadets and Members of the IGRUA Family, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all of you on the occasion of the **80th Independence Day**.

Today, we remember with gratitude the great freedom fighters whose sacrifices gave us an independent India. This day also reminds us of our responsibility to contribute to the progress, strength and prosperity of our nation.

IGRUA has been one of the country's premier flying training institutions for over four decades, contributing significantly to the development of skilled, disciplined and competent pilots. The year 2025-26 has been a year of transformation, excellence and remarkable achievements for IGRUA.

During this period, IGRUA achieved approximately 19,655 flying hours, surpassing the flying record of the previous 39 years. We have set an ambitious target of over 25,000 flying hours in 2026, and I am pleased to share that we have already completed approximately 12,930 flying hours in the first six months of the year. Our first AME batch is about to graduate after completing its three-year training program.

Our aircraft utilisation has also increased significantly from around 850 hours to 1,765 hours per aircraft per year, exceeding global best-practice levels. This achievement is a result of effective planning, optimum utilisation of available resources and the dedicated efforts of our instructors, engineers, staff and cadets.

Alongside increased flying activity, safety has remained our highest priority. We have also focused on financial discipline, efficient resource utilisation, administrative reforms and modernisation of infrastructure to make IGRUA stronger, more efficient and increasingly self-reliant.

Our alumni continue to bring great credit to IGRUA by serving with leading airlines in India and abroad. Their success is a reflection of the quality of training and values imparted at this institution.

Dear Cadets, you are the future of India's growing aviation sector. To become outstanding pilots and engineers, you need not only knowledge and skills, but also discipline, humility, sound judgment, and an unwavering commitment to safety.

On this auspicious occasion, let us reaffirm our commitment to making IGRUA safer, stronger, more modern, excellent and self-reliant, while contributing our very best to the growth of Indian aviation.

Our commitment is: "Country Foremost, IGRUA First Always."

Let us work together to take IGRUA to greater heights and make our contribution towards a safer, stronger and more glorious Indian sky.

Jai Hind!