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## **Airbus, Tata STRIVE launch new centres to empower Indian youth with future-ready skills**

**New Delhi, 18 September 2024:** Airbus in collaboration with Tata STRIVE announced the opening of two skill centres in Delhi and Bengaluru that will deliver training programmes in aviation and related sectors to underprivileged youth, as part of its CSR outreach programme.

The skill centre in Delhi was inaugurated by Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Union Minister of State, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, in the presence of Ms. Sonal Mishra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India, Rémi Maillard, President and Managing Director, Airbus India & South Asia and Ameya Vanjari, COO, Tata STRIVE. The centre in Bengaluru was launched virtually in the presence of the management teams from Airbus India and Tata STRIVE.

Equipped with classrooms, practical labs, counselling areas and administrative sections, the two centres will offer courses in the field of Information Technology (IT) such as Cybersecurity, Ethical Hacking, Web Designing, Cloud Computing along with Youth Development Modules (soft skills curriculum) that will empower the youth and enrich their skills and scope of employability in the IT & allied services. The courses will be designed by Tata STRIVE with an aim to prepare a future-ready workforce for roles that have a national and global demand.

“As part of our efforts to develop the aerospace ecosystem in India, Airbus is deeply invested in nurturing talent and equipping them with the right skills. Our partnership with Tata STRIVE is a testament to our commitment to skill India,” said Rémi Maillard, President and Managing Director, Airbus India & South Asia. “We also work with leading Indian universities and engineering schools to build a steady supply of top quality professionals to power India’s economy. Airbus is fully committed to developing a virtuous cycle of skilling and creating jobs.”

The Airbus-Tata STRIVE centres in Delhi and Bengaluru aim to upskill more than 900 youth from economically underprivileged sections of society over a period of three years. These centres complement and enhance Airbus’ existing industry-academia skilling initiatives with leading Indian Institutes of Technologies and universities such as the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya.

Airbus India has been associated with Tata STRIVE since 2022. The two entities initiated a pilot youth skilling project that successfully trained 199 youths, with 60% of them now employed. Based on the success of the pilot project, Airbus and Tata STRIVE have extended their collaboration further to address the pressing need of skilling India's youth for employment, entrepreneurship and community enterprise.

### **About Tata STRIVE:**

Tata STRIVE, is the skill development initiative of Tata Community Initiatives Trust, a charitable trust setup in 2014. It addresses the pressing need of skilling India's youth for employment, entrepreneurship and community enterprise. Tata STRIVE aims to skill young people in the age group 18-35 years for jobs/entrepreneurship, with a special focus on youth from disadvantaged communities, including women, people with disabilities, SC/ST etc. The uniquely designed

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program matches student's personalities with jobs to ensure the right fit, industry designed courses are delivered by experienced faculty. Tata STRIVE has positively impacted more than 1.3 Million lives, through direct and indirect interventions and more than 70% of those trained under direct interventions have found placement or self-employment opportunities.

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