

Press Release

The French aerospace industry is heading to India to strengthen bilateral cooperation

From October 7 to 10, 2024, the French aerospace industry association, GIFAS, is leading a large delegation of companies to India. The French delegation is made of over 100 high-level representatives from 60 companies including prime contractors, equipment manufacturers, MSMEs and start-ups, covering the entire spectrum of the French aerospace industry, civil, defence and space.

This mission will provide a unique opportunity for French and Indian companies to better understand their mutual expectations and lead to even more partnerships between companies which are committed to accompany the growth of the aerospace industry.

India already hosts over 60 GIFAS member companies, including more than 30 industrial sites. This presence testifies of the dynamic cooperation between our two nations and the will of French companies to contribute to the success of the 'Make in India' program. Training, innovation and decarbonization are among the topics of excellence of this cooperation.

Guillaume Faury, Chairman of GIFAS and CEO of Airbus, and Frédéric Parisot, CEO of GIFAS, will take part to a France-India seminar (open to the press) on Monday 7 October (11.00 am) at the Hotel Taj Mahal Mansing Road, alongside with the French Ambassador to India, Thierry Mathou and Indian officials led by Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India.

The press conference will be held at 2 pm and feature Guillaume Faury, Didier Kayat (Chairman of GIFAS 'equipment manufacturers group - CEO of Daher) and Clémentine Gallet (Chairwoman of GIFAS' MSMEs group - CEO Coriolis Composites).

The Indian delegation, led by SIDM, FICCI and ISPA, GIFAS' counterparts in India, counts 160+ guests from the industry.

About GIFAS: *The French Aerospace Industries Association (GIFAS) is an industry body that brings together some 482 companies ranging from main prime contractors and system suppliers to SMEs and startups. They form a cohesive, hard-driving high-technology sector specializing in the design, development, construction, marketing and maintenance of all aeronautical and space programmes and equipment, both civilian and military planes and defence and security systems.*

GIFAS, an industry whose 2023 sales amounted to €70.2bn: 83% of its consolidated sales accounted for exports. It directly employs 210,000 people.

Every two years, GIFAS organizes the Paris-Le Bourget International Air Show, the world's top event of its kind. The 55th Paris-Le Bourget Air Show will run from 16 to 22 June 2025.

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