

## **EVENT COVERAGE**

**BANGALORE**  
Friday, 18.10.2019

# **INDO-FRENCH DEFENCE & AEROSPACE SEMINAR [IV EDITION]**



***The Indo-French Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IFCCI) in Bangalore organised the fourth consecutive edition of the Indo-French Defence & Aerospace Seminar on Friday, the 18th October 2019 at The Novotel Techpark, Bangalore.***

The event commenced with a brief introduction by Ms. Payal S Kanwar, Director General – IFCCI and a special address by our Chief Guest, Dr.

Prahlada Ramarao, an Indian missile scientist, former vice chancellor of DIAT and a former director of DRDL, the largest of the DRDO laboratories in India and a Padma Shri recipient for his contributions to the Indian space programme.

The first panel discussed the eco-system along with the challenges and opportunities in India and collaborations between India and France in the D&A sectors with experts such as:

- Mr. Pierre Dickeli, CEO, Safran India;
- Mr. Naresh Palta, CEO – Aerospace & Aviation, Maini Group;
- Mr. Venkataramana Mantha, CEO, Expleo Technologies India;
- Mr. Nikhil Mallavarapu, President – EMS, Centum Electronics Ltd;

This was succeeded with a talk by Mr. Emmanuel de Roquefeuil, Vice President – IFCCI Delhi, Chairman – IFCCI Defence & Aerospace Committee and VP and Country Director - Thales India, presented the committee and an overview of the Defence & Aerospace industries in India.

The second panel followed suit with discussions on India's MRO capabilities; importance of skill and education vis-à-vis current state and future of job opportunities and innovations in the aerospace & defence sectors with industry veterans:

- Mr. Luigi Celmi, CEO, Lufthansa Technik Services India;
- Mr. Peter Immanuel, CEO, BridgeNow Academy by P3-Group;
- Mr. Hemanth DP, CEO, Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy Ltd
- Mr. Venkataramana Mantha, CEO, Expleo Technologies India;

Both the panels were moderated by Mr. Rajiv Khaitan, Senior Partner, Khaitan & Co.

IFCCI thanks Khaitan & Co, Expleo Technologies India and Novotel Techpark for their partnership and support in helping make this event a grand success.

The event was highly appreciated and saw an active participation from more than 150 senior delegates from the Indo-French business community.

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**About Indo-French Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IFCCI)**

Established in 1977, the Indo-French Chamber of Commerce belongs to a worldwide network of 120 French Chambers (CCIFI) in 90 countries with over 33,000 companies. One of the most active bilateral chambers in India, the Indo-French Chamber is a private association that promotes mutually beneficial trade relations between India & France and caters for its members' needs and interests. The Chamber has four offices in Mumbai, New Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore and two representations in Chandigarh and Pune. For more information, please visit <https://www.ifcci.org.in/>

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