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Post Event Report

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About Event

The Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025, organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with Hunch Mobility, was held from January 19 to 22, 2025, at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida. This premier event served as a strategic platform for global stakeholders to drive discussions, innovations, and partnerships that will shape the future of urban transportation in India.

Supported by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Government of India, the Expo brought together policymakers, industry leaders, investors, and technology pioneers to accelerate the adoption of Urban Air Mobility (UAM) solutions. The event facilitated knowledge-sharing, networking, and business opportunities to address challenges such as urban congestion, sustainable transportation, and last-mile connectivity.

The Expo Featured

Live demonstrations of next-generation technologies, including eVTOLs, drones, and advanced air mobility solutions.

High-impact panel discussions featuring global experts and policymakers

An extensive exhibition space showcasing innovations from leading OEMs and suppliers, including Airbus,

Electra.aero, and Munich Airport International GmbH.

With India uniquely positioned to lead the global UAM revolution, the Expo played a critical role in highlighting the country's potential, driven by favorable policies, infrastructure advancements, and a rapidly evolving technology ecosystem. Given the UAM market's projected growth to USD 17.27 billion by 2035 and the eVTOL market's expected value exceeding USD 30 billion by 2030, the Expo reinforced India's position as a hub for advanced air mobility solutions aligned with the nation's smart city initiatives.

Conference



The Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025 featured the International Conference on Advanced Air Mobility, themed "Aerial Evolution: Shaping Tomorrow's Urban Air Mobility," on January 21-22. This conference focused on policy frameworks, regulatory sandbox, infrastructure development, and financing models for UAM, with key speakers from IndiGo, Eve Air Mobility, Airbus India, and the Airport Authority of India contributing to discussions shaping India's UAM roadmap.



Regulatory Sandbox for AAM – Shri Asangba Chuba Ao (DGCA) highlighted ongoing efforts to create a sandbox for AAM testing.



Empowering Women & Reducing Training Costs – Shri Kumar Saurabh Raj (Ministry of Civil Aviation) emphasized inclusivity in aviation.



Electric Propulsion & Automation – Prof. Bhriгу Nath Singh (Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University) stressed R&D's role in aviation's future.



Safety & Coordination – Mr. Ravindra Kumar (DGCA) highlighted the need for skill and a safety-first mindset.



The Reality of Air Taxis – Ms. Divya Manchanda (The ePlane Company) noted that discussions have shifted from if to when air taxis will become mainstream.



Drone Logistics Revolution – Mr. Sunil S. Nair (Magicmyna) projected a transformation in drone-based deliveries by 2025.



Cooperative Federalism in Drones – Mr. Vignesh Santhanam (World Economic Forum) emphasized urban-rural drone applications.



Building a Sustainable Drone Ecosystem – Mr. Smit Shah (Drone Federation of India) credited clear policies and government backing.



PLI Scheme & Startups – Shri Om Prakash Sharma (Ministry of Civil Aviation) urged startups to leverage policy incentives.



Cost of Congestion & Productivity Gains – Rajat Jain (Hunch Mobility) positioned UAM as a solution to urban congestion.



India's eVTOL Potential – Dr. Talib Alhinai (Archer) predicted significant eVTOL adoption, with 350 airports and 3.5 billion passengers by 2047.



Strengthening Aircraft Ecosystems – Ashutosh Sharma (IFSCA, GIFT City) outlined five key elements: regulations, tax benefits, legal frameworks, cost of funds, and capacity building.



Future of Advanced Air Mobility – Shri Faiz Ahmed Kidwai (DGCA) underscored the importance of efficiency, sustainability, and user-friendliness in air mobility.



Enhancing India's International Hubs – Mr. Christoph Schnellmann advocated for streamlined transfer infrastructure and security improvements to boost global connectivity.

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Startups & Emerging Players



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Aeromag



Bot and drones recommended by 80 dB Communications, the publication covered all the activities at the expo along with interviews.

80 dB proactively reached out to Aeromag Asia and as a part of deliverable arranged interaction

Media Partners



What we had set out to achieve?

To create widespread awareness and engagement around the Urban **Air Mobility Expo** (scheduled for January 19-22, 2025) by leveraging media, PR, and key partnerships, ultimately driving attendance, participation, and long-term impact in the air mobility sector.

Position the Urban Air Mobility Expo at Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 as the world's leading showcase for innovations in aerial mobility.

Highlight the groundbreaking eVTOL launch, emphasizing the latest advancements in urban air mobility solutions.

Drive awareness on the UAM Expo and highlight the participation of other key players from Southeast Asia, reinforcing India's status as a central hub for the future of urban air mobility and next-generation transport solutions.

PR Plan

The first ever Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025 hosted. The four-day event, dedicated to innovation, sustainability, and collaboration in the urban air mobility sector, is part of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025—India's premier platform for showcasing global mobility solutions.

To create maximum buzz - to further solidify CII's position for bringing a structured, well-managed, and impactful dimension to the Urban Air Mobility Expo, paving the way for future growth in this emerging sector.

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Pre - Event (2 months prior) To enhance visibility and top-of-mind awareness

- Event announcement press release
- Chairperson interviews in ET Infra, The Week
- Press release for amplification of the event - a week before the event again (first ever Urban Air Mobility expo)
- Invited media to attend
- Made arrangements for journalists that confirmed

2

At the Event Interviews and discussions

- Hosted journalists from 20+ publications
- Created collaterals for media
- Media participated in
- The keynote sessions
- Live Demos
- Conducted 1-1 interviews with several of the leaders
- Press release announcing the updates of each day

3

Outcome

- Delivered on all targets set initially
- Successfully managed a large number of media interactions and follow ups
- Exceeded expectations in terms of media present at the event and coverage received (xx pieces with a reach of xx)
- Sustained coverage over a period of time
- Built relationships with key aviation media

Stack of Numbers

20

(of all leaders
present at the
expo)

5

5.2
million

1.56
Billion

109

No. of Interviews

No. of Release

No. of views

No. of audience
reach

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Media that has covered us



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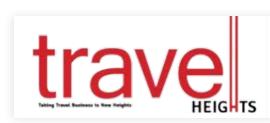


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Pre-Event Buzz



PR Approach



As part of our strategic media outreach, we have successfully secured high-impact placements, including an exclusive interview in ET Manufacturing, Bots and Drones India, an authored article in ET Edge Insights, and an industry feature in THE WEEK among others.



Additionally, for the pre-event announcement, Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025: Pioneering the Future of Sustainable Air Transportation, we have secured extensive media coverage in leading national and trade platforms, including Live Mint, Times of India, HT Auto, India Today, NDTV Profit, BW Sustainability World, BW Hotelier, among others.



Following the dissemination of the press release, CII Announces Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025 with Hunch Mobility as the Strategic Partner, we have generated significant media traction across top-tier (Cat A) and trade publications such as ET Auto, CNBC TV18, Business Standard, PTI, ANI News, among others.



This strategic media engagement ensures maximum visibility for the event, reinforcing its position as a key milestone in the future of sustainable air mobility.

Interviews

BOTS & DRONES INDIA

Amit Dutta on Urban Air Mobility: Opportunities & the Road Ahead

26 November 2024 | AAM / eVTOL News, Bot & Drone News India, eVTOL India, eVTOL News & Insights

India Prepares for the Future of Advanced Air Mobility with CII Task Force and Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025 Expo – Conversation with Mr. Amit Dutta, Chairman CII Task Force on Advanced Air Mobility



URBAN AIR MOBILITY: INSIGHTS, OPPORTUNITIES & THE ROAD AHEAD

WITH AMIT DUTTA
CHAIRMAN CII TASK FORCE ON
ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY

In an engaging conversation with Ruelha Dsouza from *Bots & Drones*, Amit Dutta, Chairman of the CII Task Force on Advanced Air Mobility and Managing Director of Hunch Mobility, shed light on India's evolving urban

ET Manufacturing From The Economic Times

Industry seeks PLI scheme for domestic manufacturing of electric air taxis

World over aerospace companies have started building prototypes of air taxis and some have also initiated early test flights. Countries such as China, US, UAE are taking the lead in creating an ecosystem for the development of air taxis with an aim to initiate commercial services in the coming few years.



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"That is something in a recent task force meeting by CII was actively discussed...you don't need large, there can be small land banks where the government comes in as a PPP partner. This is something that CII is proposing," he added.

Electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft popularly known as eVTOLs or air taxis, are the next frontier of air mobility. Currently world over prototypes are being tested and regulatory ecosystems are in the initial stages of being framed for its operationalization. As China, US, UAE and other countries prepare for the advent of advanced air mobility,



**INTERVIEWER: RUELHA DSOUZA
EXCLUSIVELY FOR: BOTS & DRONES
GUEST: AMIT DUTTA, CHAIRMAN
CII TASK FORCE ON ADVANCED
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Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025: Interview with Amit Dutta, CII Task Force on Advanced Air Mobility



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Most metropolitan cities these days grapple with an everyday challenge – urban congestion. Bumper-to-bumper traffic has become a common occurrence not only on city roads but also on highways. A prime example is the city of Bengaluru, which has consistently appeared in the top 10 on the TomTom Traffic Index of most congested cities globally. The Silicon Valley of India saw around 36,000 new cars registered in 2022-23. This number jumped to a whopping 1.6 lakh in 2023-24. Two-wheelers registered an almost 20% increase. This has resulted in considerable revenue loss, to the tune of approximately Rs. 20,000 crores annually. A key impact is also seen in the deteriorating air quality, directly affecting the quality of health and life. As per a report by the Centre for Science and Environment, an analysis of Particulate Matter across 16 major cities found that Bengaluru contributed the highest, around 64%, from vehicular exhaust.

This crisis is not unique to Bengaluru; cities like Mumbai, Delhi, and Pune face similar issues.



With many players in fray, flying taxis may soon become a reality in India

IndiGo recently announced they will soon launch all-electric air taxi services. A separate air traffic management system, similar to ATC, will be set up to ensure the flying vehicles travel smoothly

By K. Sunil Thomas | Updated: December 06, 2024 15:46 IST



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Straight out of countless sci-fi books and films, flying taxis could just be a reality in India sooner than you think. There is already a lot of activity on the front, right from a plethora of startups working on the technology, industry bodies and trade events pushing for implementation and even the government sitting up and taking note of the regulatory requirements.

The two biggest booster hits for flying taxis were first when flying taxis were tested in Dubai

Press Release



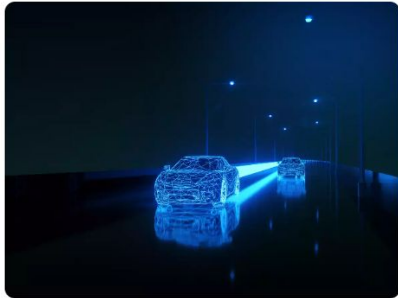
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CII partners with Hunch Mobility to host Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025

CII and Hunch Mobility will host Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025 in Greater Noida. The four-day event will showcase advanced air technology like UAVs, drones, and eVTOL aircraft. It will feature conferences on policy, infrastructure, and air traffic management, with live demonstrations and exhibits. The event aims to drive solutions for urban congestion and pollution.



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India, with 341.05 million passengers as the world's third-largest aviation market, is set to lead the UAM revolution.

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), in strategic partnership with Hunch Mobility, will host the Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025 in Greater

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CII Announces Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025 with Hunch Mobility as the Strategic Partner

DELHI: The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), in strategic partnership with Hunch Mobility, is set to host the Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025, a groundbreaking event scheduled for January 19-22, 2025, in Greater Noida. The Expo will be a part of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, India's premier platform for global mobility solutions.

Following the successful ASHA Conference in 2023, this expanded event brings together industry leaders, innovators, and policymakers to shape the future of urban air transportation. With support from the Government of India and the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the 4-day expo will showcase cutting-edge technologies in UAVs, drones, eVTOL aircraft, and Advanced Short Haul Air Mobility.

"The Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025 represents a crucial milestone in India's journey toward revolutionary urban transportation solutions," said Amit Dutta, Chairman CII Task Force on Advanced Air Mobility and MD, Hunch Mobility. "India's unique landscape and diverse mobility needs make it the perfect environment for pioneering Urban Air Mobility (UAM) innovations. As urbanization accelerates, this platform will drive solutions to critical challenges like congestion and pollution. By blending global expertise with local innovation, we are not just imagining the future of mobility – we are actively creating it."



CII and Hunch Mobility to host Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025 in Greater Noida

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Hunch Mobility will present the Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025 from January 19-22 in Greater Noida, showcasing innovations in drones, eVTOLs, and UAV technology.



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The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) will host the Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025 in partnership with Hunch Mobility. This event is scheduled for January 19-22, 2025, in Greater Noida and will be part of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, which is recognised as India's leading platform for mobility solutions.

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THE TIMES OF INDIA

Good News! 2025 Bharat Mobility/Auto Expo free for all: How to get your passes

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The 2025 Bharat Mobility Global Expo, formerly known as the Auto Expo, is set to take place in Delhi from January 17 to 22, 2025. Key highlights include new electric and CNG vehicles, spread across three venues with free registration for the general public from January 19.



2025 Bharat Mobility/Auto Expo: How to get your passes

Bharat Mobility Global Expo/Auto Expo: All you need to know

The 2025 Bharat Mobility Global Expo will span three venues, each focusing on specific themes. Bharat Mandapam at Pragati Maidan serves as the main hub, hosting the Auto Expo Motor Show, Tyre Show, Battery Show, Mobility Tech, Steel Innovation, and the India Cycle Show. The Yashobhoomi Convention Centre in Dwarka will exclusively feature the Auto Expo Components Show, while the India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida will spotlight the Bharat Construction Equipment Expo.



Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025: Dates, venues, key launches and everything we know so far

The Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, the largest automotive event in India, takes place from January 17-22, featuring major brands like Maruti Suzuki and Hyundai. Events include the Auto Expo and Mobility Tech, held across three venues in Delhi and Greater Noida.

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Budget 2025



The much-anticipated event commences on 17 January 2025, with the first day exclusively reserved for media professionals. Both media and dealers will gain access on 18 January, while public entry begins on 19 January and runs until 22 January.

The Indian automobile industry is gearing up for the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, set to be the largest automotive event in the country in recent times. Brindaing together a diverse array of automotive sectors, the expo will



Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025 To Showcase Future Of Sustainable Air Transportation

Navneet Singh / 3 weeks • January 14, 2025 • 2 min read



The event to take place in Greater Noida, featuring global industry leaders and advanced technologies

The Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025, organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in partnership with Hunch Mobility, is scheduled for January 19-22, 2025, at the India Expo Centre & Mart in Greater Noida. The Expo aims to bring together stakeholders from around the world to explore advancements in Urban Air Mobility (UAM), focusing on sustainable air transportation solutions for urban environments.

Supported by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Government of India, the event will include live demonstrations of cutting-edge technologies such as electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing (eVTOL) aircraft and drones, alongside panel discussions and an exhibition showcasing products from global industry leaders, including Airbus, Electra.aero, and Munich Airport.

India is positioning itself as a key player in the UAM sector, with the market expected to grow to USD 17.27 billion by 2035, and the eVTOL market projected to exceed USD 30 billion by 2030. The Expo is seen as an opportunity to address urban congestion and promote scalable solutions in line with India's smart city initiatives.



On the Event

The much-anticipated Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025, organized by CII, began on 19th January, 2025 with an inspiring Special Address by Shri Sunil Barthwal, Commerce Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The four-day event, dedicated to innovation, sustainability, and collaboration in the urban air mobility sector, is part of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025—India's premier platform for showcasing global mobility solutions.

The key highlights of this 4-day event were the groundbreaking live demonstrations by BluJ, SeaHorse and Magic Myna, showcasing revolutionary advancements in air mobility technologies. BluJ Aerospace, unveiled the Gen 1 VTOL prototype, India's largest privately built unmanned VTOL aircraft and SeaHorse Air Limited unveiled SH5, the world's first non-electric VTOL designed for affordable and efficient Maritime Air Mobility, flying just 30 feet over water, never flying over land or ATC controlled airspace, but capable of landing and take off from both land and water. SH5 is the first ever heavy lift VTOL using hydraulic propulsion (no batteries to charge).

Inaugural of the Expo

The event was inaugurated by **Shri Sunil Barthwal**, Commerce Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.



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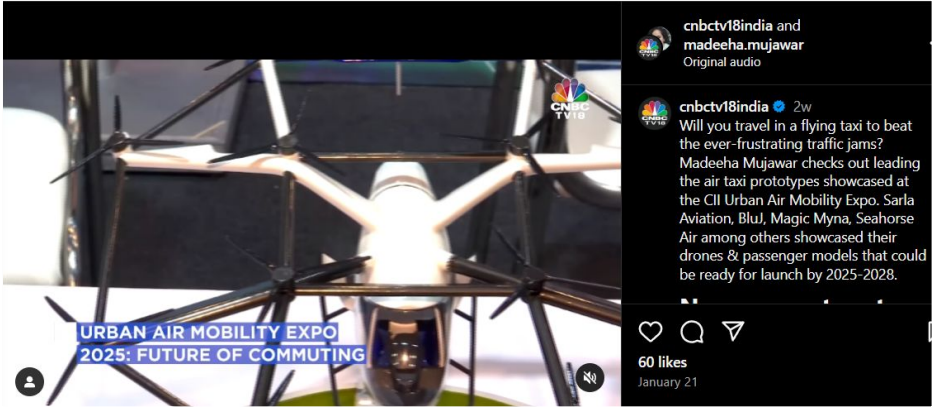
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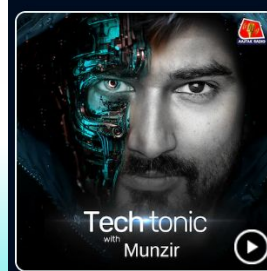
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Bharat Construction Equipment & Urban Air Mobility Expo Highlights



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उत्तर प्रदेश के ग्रेटर नोएडा में ड्रोन मॉबिलिटी एक्सपो का आयोजन हुआ। इस पॉडकास्ट में आज इस एक्सपो की रोचक बातें बताएंगे। कैसे ड्रोन सिर्फ खेती ही नहीं, इंसानों और गाड़ियों को भी मूव करने में सक्षम हो रहे हैं? एयरडॉक्स, सोलर-पावर्ड रिफ्यूलिंग, वर्टिकल लैंडिंग ड्रोन्स, और 200 किमी/घंटे की स्पीड तक पहुंचने वाले हाई-टेक ड्रोन के इनोवेशन की कहानी सुनें। साथ ही जानें कि ये तकनीक भविष्य में कैसे लॉजिस्टिक्स, जॉय राइड्स, एयर एम्बुलेंस, और सर्च-एंड-रेस्क्यू के लिए इस्तेमाल हो सकती है। साथ ही फ्लाईंग टैक्सी के बारे में जानने के लिए सुनिए 'Tech Tonic' विद Munzir Ahmad का ये एपिसोड.

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PODCAST: Amit Dutta of Hunch Mobility talks about India's potential for AAM and upcoming Urban Air Mobility Expo



Demo

Bluj Aerospace, unveiled the **Gen 1 VTOL prototype**, India's largest privately built unmanned VTOL aircraft



Magic Myna showcased the **Octa-Agri drone** which is a kisan drone used for precision agriculture and pesticide spraying



SeaHorse Air Limited unveiled **SH5**, the world's first non-electric VTOL designed for affordable and efficient Maritime Air Mobility



Interviews



BOTS & DRONES INDIA



Throughout the event proactively press releases and further details were shared with the media regarding the inauguration of the event, Urban Air Mobility Expo and the key highlights of the event, live demonstrations by BluJ Aerospace, Magic Myna and SeaHorse Air Limited.

अमर उजाला

Auto Expo 2025: जल्द उड़ान भरेगी एयर टैक्सी, जाम से मिलेगी बड़ी राहत; एक बार में 600 KM का सफर... जानें किराया

अंकुर त्रिपाठी, अमर उजाला, ग्रेटर नोएडा Published by: अमृज कुमार Updated Mon, 20 Jan 2025 12:47 PM IST

सार

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Day 5 Roundup Of Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025

By MT Bureau

January 21, 2025

Bharat Mobility GLOBAL EXPO 2025

Beyond Boundaries: Co-creating Future Automotive Value Chain

Both industry participants and tourists demonstrated impressive engagement on the third day of the Bharat Construction Equipment Expo and the Urban Mobility Infrastructure Show. Today, Expo Mart in Greater Noida hosted a number of thought-provoking talks about the future of urban air mobility (UAM) in India and the CE sector that is propelling advancement and expansion. The 3rd CE Manufacturing & Supply Chain Summit was organised by iCEMA in collaboration with the Ministry of Heavy Industries, and the International Conference on Air Mobility, with the theme 'Aerial Evolution: Shaping Tomorrow's Urban Air Mobility', brought together policymakers, business executives and international industry experts.



Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 pulls strong crowd throughout the week



Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 continued to see remarkable participation from auto enthusiasts, students and the public in general on the second day of the week.

The third day of the Bharat Construction Equipment Expo and the Urban Mobility Infrastructure Show also saw remarkable participation, from the industry stakeholders as well as from the visitors.

A series of insightful discussions on the future of urban air mobility (UAM) in India and the CE Industry Driving Progress and Growth were organized today at Expo Mart, Greater Noida. The International Conference on Air Mobility focused on the theme 'Aerial Evolution: Shaping Tomorrow's Urban Air Mobility' brought together policymakers, industry leaders, and global industry experts and iCEMA in association with the Ministry of Heavy Industries hosted the 3rd CE Manufacturing & Supply Chain Summit.

Groundbreaking MOU Signed at Expo



Hunch Mobility To Operate Electra EL9 'Ultra Short' Aircraft in India

Hybrid-electric EL9 airplane only needs 150 feet of runway

Electra's EL9 'Ultra Short' hybrid-electric airplane can take off and land in as little as 150 feet.

JetSetGo ties up with SkyDrive and Eve Air Mobility for urban air mobility services

Chartered aircraft and fleet services operator JetSetGo on Tuesday said it has entered into strategic partnerships with EVOL technology firm SkyDrive and Eve Air Mobility for the development and deployment of urban air mobility (UAM) services in the country.

JetSetGo has signed a letter of intent with Eve Air Mobility to collaborate with a consortium of air traffic management, image source: [Aviation Department](#)

Business Standard

JetSetGo enters urban air mobility mkt with new partnerships for air taxis

JetSetGo signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with SkyDrive, a Japan-based company, to explore deployment opportunities for its three-seat fully electric multi-seater, SC200

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India to Malaysia

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From The Economic Times

India's Hunch Mobility plans to operate Electra's hybrid-electric planes

On Wednesday, both the companies signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the sidelines of India Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025 in Greater Noida, hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry.

Dev Kachari @ Dnyo Shah · ETInfra
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NEW DELHI: On-demand mobility solutions provider, India's Hunch Mobility, which currently provides helicopter transport services, soon plans to undertake short-haul air transport services by including US-based Electra.aero Inc's nine-seater EL9 ultra short hybrid-electric aircraft into its fleet.

THE ECONOMIC TIMES

JetSetGo ties up with SkyDrive and Eve Air Mobility for urban air mobility services

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Synopsis
JetSetGo collaborates with SkyDrive and Eve Air Mobility to develop Urban Air Mobility (UAM) services in India, targeting faster and sustainable travel. The partnership includes a pre-order of up to 50 aircraft and plans for projects in Gujarat. They aim to address traffic congestion and high emissions with advanced technologies, aiming for future expansion across the country.

Chartered aircraft and fleet services operator **JetSetGo** on Tuesday said it has entered into strategic partnerships with **EVOL technology firm SkyDrive** and **Eve Air Mobility** for the development and deployment of **urban air mobility (UAM)** services in the country. As part of these partnerships, announced at the on-going Urban Air Mobility Expo and Conference, which is a part of the CII-organised Bharat Global Mobility Show, JetSetGo signed an initial pact with SkyDrive to explore deployment opportunities for its three-seat fully electric multi-copter **SKYDRIVE**.

Hunch Event MoU

Electra.aero, Inc. a next-gen aerospace company, and Hunch Mobility, a technology-driven platform for affordable on-demand air travel, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to deploy Electra's EL9 Ultra Short hybrid-electric aircraft. This partnership aims to revolutionize sustainable and quiet regional air travel in India, one of the world's fastest-growing transportation markets. The MoU was formalized at the India Urban Air Mobility Expo 2025 in Greater Noida, hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as part of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, showcasing the future of innovative mobility solutions in India.



Conference

The event also hosted the International Conference on Advanced Air Mobility, themed “*Aerial Evolution: Shaping Tomorrow’s Urban Air Mobility.*” This two-day conference (January 21-22) explored policy frameworks, infrastructure development, and financing models for UAM. Keynote speakers such as Vumlunmang Vualnam, Secretary, MoCA, Salil Gupte, Amit Dutta, etc. guided discussions to shape India’s UAM roadmap.



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Govt mulls regulatory sandbox for advanced air mobility solutions

GREATER NOIDA (UP): The civil aviation ministry is looking to have a regulatory sandbox for advanced air mobility solutions that will also help address urban congestion.

Emphasising that the time for electric air mobility has come, Civil Aviation Secretary Vumlungmang Vualnam on Tuesday said, "Our doors are open to promote and support advanced air mobility".

He was speaking at the International Conference on Air Mobility in Greater Noida which was organised by the civil aviation ministry and industry body CII.

THE HINDU

Centre begins visits to identify trial sites for air taxis

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The Centre has begun the task of identifying trial sites for air taxis or electric-vertical take off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft.

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AP, Gujarat front runners for eVTOL 'regulatory sandbox' locations

STRATEGIC PLAYGROUND. Designated sites to enable real-world testing of next-gen aviation technology

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The Centre is scouting for suitable locations to designate them as "regulatory sandbox" sites for testing and evaluating the next-generation of aviation technologies which will be used for advanced urban air mobility solutions, sources told *businessline*.

In aviation parlance, advanced air mobility vehicles refer to a wide variety of electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft.

On the other hand, a "regulatory sandbox" is a controlled environment where new products and services can be tested without the administration of regulatory requirements.

As per sources, currently, locations for "regulatory sandbox" sites are being

scouted in Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat.

"One such location was recently surveyed in Gujarat. This location is close to Mandvi, which is a beach town in the Kachchh district of Gujarat," sources told *businessline*.

"Suitable locations are also being looked at in Andhra Pradesh near Vijayawada. We will soon zero in on one such location for designating it as a "regulatory sandbox" for eVTOL and drones."

EVTOL PROTOTYPES

Sources added that "regulatory sandbox" locations for eVTOL will speed up the testing and standardisation of such aircraft.

At present, several companies have come out with prototypes for eVTOL vehicles while the civil aviation regulator works on



TEST ZONE. A "regulatory sandbox" is a controlled environment where new products and services can be tested without the administration of regulatory requirements

framing the guidelines for operations, licenses and safety standards of such aircraft.

"We believe that having such a facility in India will lead to faster development of such aircraft and their deployment," sources said.

"The move to designate such sites as sandboxes can help in boosting the manu-

facturing and testing of such vehicles in India." Meanwhile, the industry has welcomed the move being contemplated by the Centre.

SIGNIFICANT STEP

"The establishment of a regulatory sandbox for eVTOLs in India is a significant step towards accelerating innovation and ensuring safe integ-

rating of advanced air mobility technologies into our airspace," said Smit Shah, President, Drone Federation India.

"By enabling real-world testing in a controlled environment, this initiative will not only foster faster development but also position India as a global hub for designing, testing, and manufacturing eVTOLs."

Amit Dutta, Chairman, CII Taskforce on Short Haul Air Mobility and Managing Director, Hunch Mobility, said: "The proactive steps taken by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in consult with various stakeholders and state governments to offer sandboxes for trials, testing, evaluation of eVTOLs will accelerate the eVTOL certification process and developing used cases for the AAM (advanced air mobility) ecosystem."



Cape Town Convention to ease aircraft leasing: Aviation secy

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GREATER NOIDA: The government is set to soon approve the Cape Town Convention to make it easier to lease and buy aircraft in India, ministry of civil aviation secretary Vumlungmang Vualnam said on Tuesday.

“...work is in progress on the bill or the law to ratify the Cape Town convention...and our Union Cabinet has approved it. It will go to the Parliament, and we are hopeful that sooner rather than later, the Cape Town convention will have a legal lighting in India, it will become enforceable in India, greatly supporting the leasing and acquiring of aircraft for our companies here... So the legal framework-the regulatory framework, is a good foundation that we are on,” he said.

He also mentioned that the Aircraft Act of 1934 was amended last year, effective January 1 this year, to address the modern needs of the aviation sector. “The revised legislation, now titled Bharatiya Vayuan Adhiniyam, focuses on redefin-



Vumlungmang Vualnam,
secretary, ministry of civil aviation.

ing regulatory frameworks and encouraging state-of-the-art design, manufacturing, and maintenance,” he added.

Speaking about the growth in Indian aviation at the Confederation of Indian Industry’s (CII) International Conference on Air Mobility, Vualnam said that the number of air passengers has grown 10 times in the last 10 years, from 160 million to 380 million in 2024.

Faiz Ahmed, director general, DGCA said that the regulator is working with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and other international regulatory agencies to integrate the latest technologies (in advanced air

mobility ecosystem of the country). “As a safety regulator, it is DGCA’s mandate to see innovation does not come at the cost of safety”, he said.

Vualnam said, “...Ten years ago, we had 160 million air passengers and reached 380 million throughput of air passengers last year...we are on a strong foundation of growth and by the year 2047 there will be 3500 million passengers.”

Speaking of the foundation of the airport infrastructure, Vualnam said that the number of airports in India have grown, and the government projects that by the time India reaches peaks in Bharat, 2047 India will have 350 airports climbing from the 159 that we have today.

Discussing the rationale behind projecting growth in air travel in India, Vualnam said, “Some may wonder why such numbers, but it’s really based on the air passengers that we estimate.” He said that currently, people in India take only 0.13 air trips per person each year, which is much lower compared to other countries.

Bharat Mobility/Auto Expo 2025 explained: Venues, tickets, how to reach and more

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Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, formerly Auto Expo, will be held in Delhi from January 17-22, 2025. Key highlights include the latest EVs and production-ready models. Main venues are Pragati Maidan, Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, and India Expo Centre. Free entry with registration on the official website.



Bharat Mobility/Auto Expo 2025 explained.

The Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, formerly known as the Auto Expo, is set to take place in Delhi from January 17 to January 22, 2025. This flagship event will feature the latest advancements in mobility, including EVs, concept vehicles, and production-ready models from top automakers. Highlights include Maruti Suzuki’s first ever EV e-Vitara, Hyundai Creta Electric, Tata Sierra EV, Bajaj’s second CNG motorcycle, and Mercedes-Benz’s electrified G-Wagon, among

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