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MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR, IGRUA ON 40th ANNIVERSARY OF IGRUA

To,

Dear IGRUANs (serving and retired) and their family members,
dearest Cadets and parents

1. Today, we are celebrating the **40th anniversary of IGRUA**. On this day in 1986, IGRUA came into being as a **Centre of Excellence** for Civil Pilot training, under the Society Act, 1860. Since then, IGRUA continues to serve the nation and Civil Aviation sector with pride and glory.

2. IGRUA is currently in the most glorious phase of its journey, in the last of 40 years. We have worked the hardest ever, over the last 15 months and that has led to a **transformation** in IGRUA's output & history.

3. It is being called a transformation as it has transpired in a very short timeframe, has resulted in increase in output of over 100% and is sustainable for next one decade and more. The output of last one year is tabulated below:-

Performance criteria	1986–2025	Since 01 Jan 26
Flying hours per year	9338 hours	24,500 + hours
Aircraft utilisation rate	65 to 70 hours	150 to 160 hours
CPL pass out rate	44 per year	120 to 125 per year
Financial health	Always in budget deficit & losses, except for 2 to 3 years	First budget surplus in over 2 decades in FY 2025-26. Same will be maintained hereafter.
FTO Ranking	25 / 35 in 2025. Failed with 'C' category	05 / 35 despite 450 cadets & only 13 aircraft

4. The aircraft utilisation rate of IGRUA is currently the **best in the entire world** and the pass out rate of CPL has increased to 125. We are rapidly marching towards **Mission 2028**, which encapsulates the following:-

(1) Induction of 19 new aircraft by Mar 28

(2) Increase in yearly flying hours to 50,000 hrs / year. It was only 10,000 hrs / year till 2025.

(3) Increase in yearly intake of CPL cadets from 125 to 250.

(4) Increase in yearly pass out rate of CPL cadets to 250.

(5) New navigation aids at Fursatganj by Mar 28 to make it IFR compliant airfield.

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(6) Setting up of CPL Ground Training School with capacity of 300 cadets.

(7) Setting up of Helicopter Training School and Drone Training School by 2028.

(8) Setting up of 3 new aircraft simulators for the new 19 aircraft being inducted by 2028.

(9) Making IGRUA Atmanirbhar financially and in every aspect by 2028.

(10) Significant improvements in IGRUA's infrastructure by 2028, including hostels and other facilities.

5. On our 40th anniversary, let all of us take a pledge to contribute positively in whichever way possible, to this transformatory journey of IGRUA. The serving IGRUANs must always remember to keep "**Country Foremost and IGRUA First Always**".

6. IGRUA is **custodian** of AME and CPL training and we aim to provide the best trained civil pilots and aircraft engineers to our country. Our motto is to be the **Best FTO** in the entire world by 2028.

7. For that we need to step up our flying effort capacity to 50,000 hours a year and innovate effectively with AME school, along with setting up of 300 cadets capacity Ground Training School. We also need to branch out effectively to create Helicopter and Drone Training Schools too.

8. We shall also be operating 3 bases for flying by year 2028 and 5 bases by year 2030.

9. On behalf of serving IGRUANs, I acknowledge the contribution of our predecessors over the last 4 decades. We also very fondly remember the contribution & leadership of our previous Directors.

10. I wish all IGRUANs, cadets and parents a very promising transformatory journey. IGRUA has worked without any holiday, Saturdays, Sundays since 01 Sep 25. Our unrelenting march towards transformation and excellence shall continue unabated and with highest determination.

11. I promise **"Country Foremost & IGRUA First Always"**. May IGRUA achieve greatest glory in years ahead to become the Best FTO globally.

Happy Diwali and Happy Festivities to all in year 2026.

Happiness & Happy Landings Always.

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Director (Non-ministerial)