



Message from
AOC-IN-C MC IAF

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It gives me immense pleasure to know that MRO Association of India is organizing Aero MRO India – Aerospace and Defence 2019 on December 4th & 5th at New Delhi.

The IAF operates a range of weapon systems which comprises a mix of Western, Russian and a few indigenous platforms. From the IAF's perspective, MRO opportunities available for the industry are embodiment of various bulletins and technical tasks, disassembly, cleaning of aircraft, painting, reclamation of parts etc. Numerous projects related to structural retrofit of MiG-29 fleet, An-32 RE project etc are underway using the local industry. Likely spin offs of MRO opportunities with the IAF are skill development, development and substitution of advanced materials, repair of avionics and undertaking technology development.

For the IAF to undertake innovative Make in India projects either through the MROs or NTC route, active participation of the Indian Industry, Academia and R&D professionals is the need of the hour. The NTCs formed at various BRDs have successfully executed many complex technology projects in support with Indian Industry. In pursuance of Govt of India's "Make in India Initiative" and reduce dependence on foreign OEMs, IAF is continuously focused on engaging with Indian MROs and building a long term partnership.

The theme of this year's event is "OEM support to Indian MRO". I am confident that the forum will deliberate on important issues of growth and sustenance of this integral part of our Aviation Industry.

I wish the organizers the very best and the event a grand success.

Jai Hind!



Raj Karan Singh Shera
Air Marshal