

# RECENT ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES

## Meeting with Ms. K. Kasthuri, Deputy General Manager (Engineering-Civil), Airports Authority of India, Chennai Airport

22nd May 2025

**Ms. K. Kasthuri**, a new member of Women in Aviation India met **Mrs. Radha Bhatia**, **President, WAI** at her office in New Delhi and reinstated her commitment to the mission of Women in Aviation India of empowering women in the aviation industry. She also shared an inspiring message for the young girls who aspire to join the industry.



## President, WAI felicitated on the occasion of Women's Day 2025

10th March 2025

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Mrs. Radha Bhatia, Chairperson, Bird Group and President, Women in Aviation India was felicitated at COWE India's 'FemPreneur Rising Stars 2025' by Sh. Gulab Chand Kataria, the Hon'ble Governor of Punjab. A resounding celebration of female empowerment and entrepreneurial spirit, the prestigious event honoured the exceptional achievements of women entrepreneurs who are making significant contributions to their communities and industries across India.

Mrs. Radha Bhatia was honoured for her unparalleled contribution in the aviation & hospitality industry and for serving and promoting the culture & heritage of the country.

Highlighting her passion for empowering women in the space of aviation, Mrs. Bhatia also presented the Hon'ble Governor of Punjab, a coffee table book on Women in Aviation India





# Women's Day Celebration – 'Nurturing your body, mind and soul'

04th March, 2025

The enthusiastic and dynamic members of **Women in Aviation India** got together in the morning to take a step forward toward self-care, relaxation and rejuvenation at the Women's Day program focussed on 'Nurturing your body, mind & soul'. Amidst serenity, birdsong and heart-warming sunshine, the team participated in a refreshing yoga session with, Ms. Devika, a yoga expert, followed by a holistic wellness session on natural health with **Dr. Advait Sharma, M.D. Ayurveda**.





## A Virtual Meet

25th January 2025

A Zoom meeting was held on 25th January 2025, chaired by Mrs. Radha Bhatia, President, WAI. The meeting was attended by WAI Secretary Ms. Rakhi Puri, and members – Ms. Bhawana Arora, Capt. Poonam Gaur, Ms. Pragati Kambojh, Ms. Kirti Tiwari, Ms. Anjali Wadhwan, Ms. Charulatha Pasupuleti and Ms. Sujata Mariwala who engaged in a meaningful discussion and dialogue, highlighting the challenges, opportunities and victories that women in aviation combat in their daily lives. A palpable sense of community, ebbing from experiences shared wholeheartedly, made this discussion particularly delightful.

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- Strengthening partnerships with aviation manufacturers, airlines and airports.
- Ongoing GIAD activities and career support for students engaged in aviation awareness.
- Discussions on leadership, workplace safety and skill development.

The members remain committed to fostering a stronger, more inclusive aviation sector.

## An evening with Team - The Ninety-Nines International

08th December 2024

Women in Aviation India hosted team The Ninety-Nine International over an unforgettable evening of entertainment at Upstage, Roseate House New Delhi, Aerocity. Women aviators from all over the world networked over a delightful high-tea session following a vibrant bhangra performance. The ladies couldn't resist matching steps with the energetic bhangra troupe, making the evening memorable.

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## Meeting the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhawan:

*A memory etched forever!*

04th November, 2024



President Droupadi Murmu met with members of Women in Aviation India, alongwith other women achievers from the aviation sector at the iconic Presidential Estate, Rashtrapati Bhavan. The meeting was part of the initiative 'The President with the People,' which aims to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly towards national progress. President Murmu highlighted the significant strides women have made in aviation representing 15 percent

of India's Air Traffic Controllers, 11 percent of flight dispatchers and 9 percent of aerospace engineers. Additionally, 18 percent of pilots who received commercial licenses last year were women, demonstrating the increasing presence of women in an industry that was once dominated by male members only.

Women in Aviation members who attended this memorable and prestigious program included,

Mrs. Radha Bhatia, Ms. Kiranjeet Jain, Capt. Nivedita Bhasin, Ms. Neelu Khatri, Capt. Poonam Gaur, Capt. Anushree Varma, Capt. Archana Kapoor, Ms. Shilpy Kumari, Ms. Parul Kulshrestha, Ms. Charulata Pasupuleti, Lt. Cdr. Pushpa Pandey.

On this occasion, Mrs. Radha Bhatia presented the coffee table book of Women in Aviation India to Shri Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India.

