

IIMB & TBS Host the Eighth Edition of the International Conference on the Future of Aviation and Aerospace

The 2024 International Conference on the Future of Aviation and Aerospace, held by IIM Bangalore and Toulouse Business School France, brought together more than 300 senior executives from the aerospace and aviation industry. Keynote speeches and six power-packed expert panels covering everything from drones to talent management in the aviation sector were featured at the conference.

“IIM Bangalore has emerged as one of the leading institutions for business management in the last 50 years,” stated Prof. Rishiksha T. Krishnan, Director of IIM Bangalore, in his welcoming speech. “According to the most recent QS World University Rankings, IIMB is ranked #32 in the world. We are pleased to be hosting this conference given that many of our staff members and students have a keen interest in the aviation industry.”

The dignitaries, including the senior leadership of IIMB, Prof. Christopher Benaroya from Toulouse Business School France, Consul General of France Thierry Berthelot, and the attendees, were welcomed by conference chair Prof. G Shainesh. He stated, “The conference’s goal is to gain an understanding of the industry’s current state and future directions about development and transformation.”



The conference chair, Prof. S. Raghunath, praised Toulouse Business School (TBS) for being a helpful partner and provided an overview of the General Management Programme for Aerospace and Aviation Executives, which is delivered in collaboration with TBS in France and has produced close to 350 graduates to date. “As this sector expands, so does the emphasis on sustainability and e-zero. Additive manufacturing is making a huge difference in terms of intricate components. At the conference, we intend to examine both the prospects and challenges in this industry.”

The Chairperson of IIMB’s Executive Education Programmes, Prof. Padmini Srinivasan, welcomed all the speakers and participants to the conference and discussed the executive educational possibilities offered by IIMB.

In his inaugural address, Sunil Bhaskaran, Director of Air India Aviation Academy and the former MD and CEO of AirAsia, praised IIMB and TBS for their collaboration, stating, “It adds value to skilling in the aviation sector in India.”

“The future of air travel is digital, hence next-generation firewalls and securing the aviation industry are vital,” according to Vishak Raman, VP of Sales, India and SAARC, SEA & ANZ, Fortinet. He stated, “As cyber threats take advantage of disruption, digital innovation is causing increased risk.” He listed platform-based approaches, Cyber Physical Systems (CPS), and the use of AI in cybersecurity as remedies. As networks get flatter, you need more visibility and control not just on your IT set up but also on your OT set up.”

