

Industry body to help Karnataka develop aviation sector skill sets

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To strengthen Bangalore's aviation competitiveness, Bangalore Chamber of Industry Commerce (BCIC) is planning to help Karnataka government in taking up vocational skill development programmes.

According to Mr Vinod Nowal, president, BCIC, "Since Bangalore has already taken a lead over other cities, we have initiated this to help sustain it, backed by adequate human resources and skill sets."

Study on skill gap

To take it forward, BCIC has roped in the Society of Indian Aerospace Technologies (SIAT) to prepare detailed study on skill gap assessment and marketing potential to assist aviation ancillaries located in and around Bangalore.

BCIC is also being assisted by Athena Info Solutions, Chennai, in preparing background paper which has to be submitted to the central government for funding and to develop vocational skill development programs in aviation sector.

"This joint study will be out in six weeks and then we will be ready with the detailed project report," said Mr M. Lakshminarayan, president-elect, BCIC.

"Since BCIC is a Bangalore-centric trade body, we are initiating this to support the proposed aero park, which is to come up in the vicinity of international airport in Devanahalli," he added.

Mr D.V. Harish, vice-president, BCIC, said, "This key initiative will strengthen the brand Bangalore for aviation and make it the best place for the industry to invest and do business. This is achievable as Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) has its base here."

To give thrust to public private partnership (PPP) in the State, BCIC is planning to hold a meet on 'PPP: An engine for growth and development' on June 29.

Mr Nowal said, "With this theme, we are engaging the State government in capacity building and hand holding the State machinery on public-private initiatives. Our key role is to create the right climate for industrial growth in the State."

Transparency

Mr Nowal said, "The Karnataka industries department needs to install transparency mechanism in monitoring and implementing projects committed at Global Investors Meet."

He conceded that there was lack of information about the projects approved at the GIM and said that as per his assessment, projected investments "may not materialise and the State may see Rs 1.5 lakh crore to Rs 2 lakh crore investment flow."

He said land acquisition and the failure of the single window system, which was meant to quicken statutory clearances, were among the main issues confronting industry in the State.

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