

# Tremendous Opportunity seen in Corporate Aviation Sector at the 2<sup>nd</sup> India Civil Aviation Week Airport & Airline 2008 Expo

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- GE Aviation to introduce light weight jets
- AAI to build 35 non metro Airports
- Govt. of India to launch 500 new aircrafts
- Hyderabad International Airport Launched

**New Delhi 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008:** The Civil Aviation sector is expected to boom tremendously by the year 2010. This was clearly imminent at the conference taking place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> India Civil Aviation Week Airport & Airline 2008 Expo being organised by Exhibitions India. The two topics that were deliberated at the expo today were pertinent to corporate aviation and were attended by top level management from various MNC's.

Amongst the announcements that were made Mr. William Blair, Country Director, GE Aviation said "we are introducing very light jets in India with a capacity of 4-8 passengers. These Nano Aircrafts will be priced between \$1.5 Million to \$4.5 Million." He further added "these jets will help in connecting tier 2 and tier 3 cities to the metros. We see India having the potential of adding over 150 of these jets every year"

Other speakers at the conference also voiced a similar opinion and talked about future avenues for the Indian aviation industry. Mr. B.S. Singh Deo, Managing Director, Bell Helicopter said " seeing the growing interest we are launching the tilt rotor technology, that will be one of the most versatile platform providing vertical landing." He added "this new technology will also enable the copters to fly in icy conditions with a maximum of 9 passengers."

The AA 2008 Expo is the perfect platform for the aviation industry to showcase these new technologies and many more. With 146 exhibitors from 18 countries, the expo will undoubtedly become a landmark event for the Aviation Industry.

Mr. Prem Behl, Managing Director of Exhibitions India said "the AA 2008 Expo was planned as a one stop solution for the entire aviation industry where various companies from across the world can come together to share information, technology and data." He further added "we are very pleased with the support that has been generated from various companies participating and the important

announcements that have been made during the course of the exhibitions. This encourages us and we will double our efforts to better serve the industry."

Yesterday the Exhibition hosted the first ever CEO roundtable on the growing field of civil aviation. The final day of the exhibition will see two more conferences on the aviation training and air cargo logistical challenges.