

CONCEPT NOTE

Akashgati Fellowship 2026

World's First Aviation Entrepreneurial Fellowship

1. What is Akashgati Fellowship (AGF)?

The Akashgati Fellowship is the world's first aviation entrepreneurial fellowship – a **20-day, multi-city immersive expedition across India**. Over 20 consecutive days, 50 selected fellows travel across 12 cities, each anchored to a distinct aviation domain.

In every city they engage with senior professionals, visit operational facilities, and work through structured entrepreneurial frameworks. AGF is organised by the **Centre for Scientific Outreach (CSO)** and is aligned with the **ICAO Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP)** framework



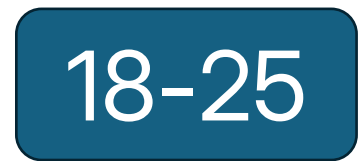
Days



Cities



Fellows



Age of Fellows

2. Why AGF?

India is becoming the world's third-largest aviation market. Yet when a college student or young professional steps into the industry, four critical gaps stand between them and meaningful contribution

- **Network:** Young aviation talent has no structured access to the people who build, operate, regulate, and finance the industry.
- **Industry Depth:** Academic exposure is fragmented – most students never see the full ecosystem in an integrated, real-world context.
- **Capital Access:** no dedicated pathway exists for early-stage aviation entrepreneurs to reach investors, accelerators, or VC funding.
- **Pathway Clarity:** without direct exposure, most young people cannot determine whether entrepreneurship, a career, research, or policy is the right direction.

3. How are Fellows Selected?

50 fellows are chosen through a five-stage process:

- Application → Video Pitch → Aptitude Test → Personal Interview → Final Cohort.
- Open to Indian nationals **aged 18–25** from **all academic streams**.
- The top 2 male and top 3 female candidates receive a **100% scholarship**.
- Application fee: ₹1,199. Programme fee if selected: ₹60,000 (all-inclusive).

May 2026	July 2026	August 2026	October 2026
Video Submission	Aptitude Test	Final Interview	Cohort 1 Expedition

4. The 20 Day Route

Twelve city-stops. Each city has been chosen for a distinct aviation theme. In every city, Fellows will engage with CEO-level or top-management leaders who will explain the industry from the inside

- Delhi:** Policy & Regulation
Activity: Inauguration & Visit to Regulator, Heliport, Airline Operations Control Centre
- Ahmedabad:** Leasing & Finance
Activity: Session with GIFT City, Visit to Flight Training Organization
- Mumbai:** Aircraft Operations
Activity: Visit to Aerodrome, Air Traffic Control Tower, Drone Ecosystem, Maintenance Repair Organization
- Nagpur** – Aircraft Maintenance
Activity: Visit to Aviation Cluster, Maintenance Organization, Defence Establishments
- Hyderabad** – Aerospace Manufacturing
Activity: Visit to Manufacturing Facility, Maintenance Organizations, Aviation Academy
- Kochi** – Sustainable Infrastructure
Activity: Visit to World’s first solar-powered Airport
- Coimbatore** – Precision Manufacturing
Activity: Visit Precision Manufacturing Facility, Educational Establishments, MSME Accelerator Ecosystem, Defence Establishments

- h. **Bengaluru** – Aerospace Capital
Activity: Visit to Manufacturing Facility, Defence Establishments, Startup Ecosystem
- i. **Kolkata** – Eastern Gateway
Activity: Visit to Airport, MSME Ecosystem, Maintenance Facilities
- j. **Guwahati** – Northeast Connectivity
Activity: Visit to Educational Institutions, Airport, Helicopter Operations, Local MSME
- k. **Kanpur** – Aerospace R&D
Activity: Visit to Aerospace Design Labs, Defence Establishments. Startup Ecosystem
- l. **Delhi** – Conclusion
Activity: Final Presentation, Peer-to-peer Exchange, Networking Dinner, Departure

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5. POST-FELLOWSHIP SUPPORT

AGF is a lifetime fellowship, not a 20-day event. Fellows continue through two tracks:

Entrepreneurship Track: discounted incorporation, legal, and design support; mentorship for funding and investor introductions; access to the AGF and CSO partner network.

Career Track: placement support within the aviation industry; alumni network access across future cohorts

ABOUT THE ORGANIZER

The Centre for Scientific Outreach (CSO) is dedicated to promoting scientific awareness and education across India. It designs structured, high-impact programmes at the intersection of science, industry, and entrepreneurship – building India's next generation of innovators and leaders.

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