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TOP INDIAN FTO NOW USING ELITE DEVICE TO HELP TRAIN PILOTS

The AP Aviation Academy - voted best training organisation in India - is now using a device designed and built by Elite Simulation Solutions to help train pilots fly the glass cockpit version of Cessna 172R.

Elite has installed the Evolution iGATE S1000 advanced ATD at the Academy's headquarters at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad. The device has exact replication of the glass cockpit of the C172R, a 3-channel visual system featuring custom-built India RealView airport scenery with 60cm aerial photography resolution, and 3D replication of every building at the airport.

The Academy can trace its history to 1932, when it was opened as the AP Flying Club under the guidance of the ex-ruler Nizam of Hyderabad. It became AP Aviation Academy in 1998 and currently runs a fleet of two Cessna C152s and two Cessna 172Rs, both with glass cockpit.

Fully approved by the India DGCA (Director General of Civil Aviation) it opened an AME college three years ago, this now having 251 students. The Academy also offers a MSc (Aviation) course, approved by the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, to students of both pilot's courses - currently 62 trainee pilots - and of the AME. This course is unique in India.

It won the Government of India Aero Club of India award for the best performing flight training organisation in India for the year 2007 – 2008.

AP's Captain Satya Reddy – who has over 25,000 hours flying experience on types such as the Avro 748, Boeing 737 and Airbus A300 and is a former examiner in Indian Airlines/Air India – said: The reason we selected the Elite simulator is that it is a glass cockpit replica of the Cessna 172R and offers practice on all instrument procedures, such as VOR/ILS, DME arc, SIDS and STARS for any airport.

“This gives good practice for the change over from conventional analogue instruments to a modern glass cockpit as found in the latest aircraft, such as the A320, A340, Boeing 777 and Boeing 747-400. It is like a mini A320 simulator, without the motion.”

“Our students are very happy that all types of let downs and instrument procedures can be practiced, under various simulated weather conditions.”

The sale of the Elite device was handled by the company's dealer in India, SRK Aviacom (I) Pvt Ltd, who had made successful previous sales of Elite's equipment to flight training organisations in India, with certifications granted by the India DGCA.

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