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ELITE SYSTEMS HELPING TO TRAIN INDIAN AIR FORCE PILOTS

To help Indian Air Force pilots train more efficiently and cost effectively to fly the Pilatus PC-7 MkII training aircraft, Elite Simulation Solutions is providing a range of flight simulation devices.

The Indian Air Force ordered a fleet of 75 of the Swiss-designed and built PC-7 MkIIs, which are among the most advanced turbine training aircraft in the world. The first of the Elite Fixed Base Flight Training Devices, with a 270° visual system and a debriefing suite, is now in service at the Dundigul Air Force Academy, 25 km from Hyderabad. Four others will be delivered by the company within the next 16 months. Elite will also supply an Avionics Part Task Trainer system in addition to the Flight Training Devices to support the training.

Elite's Pilatus Projects Manager, Peter Pirchl, said: "The PC-7 MkII fleet is important to the development of the Indian Air Force, because the aircraft represents a major modernisation of its pilot training programme. The Elite devices will help to speed up the training process and enable the Indian Air Force to achieve more cost effective training of new pilots. We have worked very closely with Pilatus Aircraft Ltd to achieve accurate replication of the PC-7 MkII's system and handling characteristics."

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