

Girls in Aviation Day creates awareness on jobs in aerospace

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IN SUPPORT OF the "Skills India" initiative of the Government of India and with a vision to encourage girls to take an interest in science, technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects and careers, Lockheed Martin, a global security and aerospace company from Maryland teamed up with the Women in Aviation International (WAI) India Chapter to stage a "Girls in Aviation Day" programme at a city hotel to showcase opportunities in the aviation and aerospace sectors for the girls, on Wednesday.

As many as 50 girls from two schools, Raamnath Public School of the NSTL and Kendriya Vidyalaya in A04 area, explored the exciting world of aviation and engineering during a visit to Visakhapatnam airport, where they had an opportunity to learn from employees and discuss airport operations with members of the senior management team.

The girls also met representatives of industry and local government officials to discuss the relevance of careers in engineering and aviation to today's young women. In this connection they

shared their views on the gender disparity in engineering sector and opined that it is no longer be viewed as Engineering courses suitable only for males. Women also do good inventions and they also have the same and similar skills to create successful work environment at organisations.

S Solomon Arokiaraj, secretary, the AP Industries & Commerce department, along with district collector Pravin Kumar participated in the programme. During their interaction with the students, both the officers advised them on the character building, attitude, hard and smart work skills and right things at the right time.

During the day, the girls had an opportunity to learn about Lockheed Martin's services. Their programmes to encourage girls and boys equally to take an interest in the STEM



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On the organisation, and its vision to encourage young women to explore careers in aviation and aerospace sectors, Phil Shaw, chief executive officer (CEO) of Lockheed Martin (India), said: "Ours has diverse workforce in every sense and is proud to partner with organisations which have a similar mindset and a mutual interest."



A girl dressed as an aviation staffer at the 'Girls in Aviation Day' programme in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday | Express

