

# GMR Aero Technic and Boeing Defence India Sign Landmark Agreement for P-8I Phase-56 Heavy Maintenance

*A strategic engagement supporting frontline defence aircraft platform, aligned with the long-term vision of positioning India as a global defence MRO hub.*

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2026, Hyderabad:** GMR Aero Technic (GAT), one of India's leading aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) provider has signed an agreement with Boeing Defence India Private Limited (BDIPL) to undertake Phase-56 Heavy Maintenance Checks for the P-8I maritime patrol aircraft fleet.

Under the agreement, GMR Aero Technic will perform Phase-56 heavy maintenance checks on Boeing P-8I aircraft at its state-of-the-art MRO facility within the GMR Aerospace Park SEZ in Hyderabad. The maintenance will include structural upgrades, comprehensive inspections, painting, and system upgrades, fully aligned with Boeing and defence aviation maintenance standards.

**Commenting on the partnership, Mr. Ashok Gopinath, President, GMR Aero Technic, said,** *"The partnership marks a significant milestone for GMR Aero Technic and significantly deepens our long-standing relationship with Boeing, built on successful collaborations including passenger-to-freighter conversions. As our first major engagement supporting a frontline defence aircraft platform, it reflects strong confidence in the depth of our technical capabilities and the expertise of our highly qualified and skilled workforce. This agreement reinforces our long-term vision of building India into a global defence MRO hub and establishing GMR Aero Technic as a trusted provider of complex military aircraft sustainment solutions."*

*"Supporting our customer's mission-readiness through strong sustainment partnerships is core to Boeing. Our collaboration with GMR Aero Technic on Phase 56 heavy maintenance checks for the P-8I fleet reflects our continued commitment to building India's MRO ecosystem," said, Nikhil Joshi, Managing Director, Boeing Defence India. "This partnership builds on our long-standing focus on developing indigenous aerospace and defence capability, and reinforces our investment in services, sustainment, manufacturing, R&D, and talent in India. Through collaborations such as this, with industry partners like GMR Aero Technic, we continue to expand and strengthen the country's MRO base, ensuring a resilient and self-reliant ecosystem for the future," he added.*

The Boeing P-8I is a long-range maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft, designed for anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions. It is a key asset for the Indian Navy, providing advanced capabilities to secure India's maritime domain and ensure mission readiness. The Indian Navy currently operates a fleet of 12 P-8I aircraft, deployed across squadrons at INS Rajali in Tamil Nadu and INS Hansa in Goa.

**About GMR Aero Technic:**



GMR Aero Technic, a division of GMR Air Cargo and Aerospace Engineering Ltd, is India's largest third-party MRO service provider. The company offers base maintenance for narrow body aircraft, specialized services such as structural repairs, avionics upgrades, component repairs and aircraft painting. It also provides line maintenance services in 14 airports in India and 1 in Nepal, serving a total of 50+ customers/airlines. This is approved by nearly 30 global regulators, including EASA, FAA, DGCA, and DGAQA. The GMR School of Aviation, approved by both DGCA and EASA, offers Aircraft Maintenance Engineering licenses and corporate training programs. It is set to serve as a Centre of Excellence for the aerospace industry, producing industry-ready engineers and technicians.

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