## WHAT HOLDS BACK GENERAL AVIATION IN INDIA

## One jarring note in India’s growth story remains the government’s apathetic posture towards aviation in general, and general aviation in particular. The contributive potential of general aviation towards the growth of national economy remains largely incomprehensible to the establishment. As a result, the regulatory mechanism in respect of general aviation is lax, the tax structure prohibitively constrictive, and the needs of national infrastructure to support general aviation largely unaddressed. This paper looks at the areas of inattention that lurk over general aviation in India; these include the process for aircraft procurement, the taxation and duty structure, the airports, FBO/ground handling monopolistic/ oligopolistic dispensation, MRO industry, absence of heliports, exorbitant aviation fuel costs, and, last but not least, the apathetic approach of the DGCA and MoCA towards general aviation.

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