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B'luru invites MRO biz to set up shop

BENGALURU, DHNS: Bengaluru has set the stage for enthusiastic aerospace and defence companies to come set up shop here, especially in the realm of airline MRO (Maintenance, Repair), which is fast emerging as a major segment, and India is placing itself as a major hub.

MRO involves fixing any sort of mechanical, plumbing or electrical device that breaks down. In terms of the airline industry, it is a major draw since it ensures planes are safely flying around the world.

Addressing delegates at the IndiaMRO Aerospace and Defence Conference 2015, Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) CEO (Bangalore Complex) Kaveri Ranganathan said, "In terms of MROs, most countries fly a mix of aircraft types. Even India's neighbouring countries have a fragmented fleet. Hence, due to proximity to In-



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dia, the latter may be transformed as an MRO hub for the region."

Bengaluru-based HAL heralded India's rise in the aviation and aerospace markets. The organisation, which began as a repair centre in 1940, today has robust aircraft repair and maintenance capabilities, and wishes to partner with other companies. Ranganathan said that with its defence experience, HAL now eyes the civil space too.