

Interview: Air Force Training College



VAYU: *How does AFTC structure its training programme to ensure a comprehensive development of Officers?*

Air Force Technical College has crafted its training programme for a trainee centered mandate. The training approach integrates development of both the professional and personal aspects of Officers. Various key components of the training programme are elucidated below:

Academics: The college offers a wide range of subjects pertaining to Aeronautical Engineering. Theoretical classes are being conducted to ensure continuous learning and professional development. Emphasis is made on practical training and hands-on experience by conducting Tech visits and conduct of simulations/practical classes in state of the art laboratories. Visits to nearby Air Force units, DRDO labs and DPSUs are arranged to enhance the awareness on emerging technologies and new inductions in to Armed Forces. Adequate academic focus in terms of theoretical and practical training is given on major Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) platforms such as eMMS and IMMOLS to all ab-initio and in service course officers of AE branch undergoing training at AFTC.

Personality development: Various activities like sports, drills, public speaking exercise, social interactions and inter squadron cultural competitions are organised to ensure personality development. The trainee officers are assigned with various responsibilities during conduct of college events to hone their interpersonal skills and equip them with adequate skill sets required at field units.

Leadership and ethics: The training programme includes modules on leadership, Military ethics and code of conduct. The Officers are taught the importance of integrity, discipline and ethical behaviour in their professional and personal front. Eminent speakers from different civil

organisations are invited to deliver lectures on Leadership and personality development/management topics. General Service Knowledge is imparted to all trainee officers by the instructors of the College. Counsellors periodically counsel the trainee officers to inculcate these qualities.

By combining these elements, the College ensures that its Officers are not only technically sound but also well prepared to lead the air warriors placed below them in the Indian Air Force.

VAYU: *What are the key components of the academic curriculum at AFTC?*

The key components of the academic curriculum at Air Force Technical College includes:

Theory classes on professional subjects: Theory classes are being conducted to train the Officers on various subjects in Aeronautical Engineering domain. General Service Knowledge is also imparted during both stages of training at AFTC.

