

A FICCI FLO × YRG MERF × NEOSKY × GARUDA
INITIATIVE

1,000 Women. 22 Cities. One *Sky*.

A national training and placement programme for 1,000 women across 22+ Indian cities — designed for *first-generation graduates, college-going girls, and educated women yet to enter the workforce*. A DGCA-recognised skill in their hands. A real job at the end of it.

1,000+WOMEN TRAINED &
PLACED**22+**

CITIES ACROSS INDIA

7DAY RPTO-CERTIFIED
MODULE**2026**

ROLLOUT BEGINS

ALL INSPIRING WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO SIGN UP



FICCI FLO

YRG MERF

NeoSky India

Garuda Aerospace

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

A skilling pathway for women who have been *left waiting*.

Drone operations sits amongst India's fastest-expanding employment sectors today, with active demand across agriculture, logistics, mapping, surveillance, and public service delivery. It is a regulated, technical skill — and one that has stayed largely out of reach for women. The programme is the answer to that.

YRG MERF is the **Community Mobilisation and Beneficiary Support Partner** for the programme. We identify the candidates, work with their families to make participation possible, see them through the seven-day RPTO-certified training run by NeoSky and Garuda Aerospace, and stay with them till each one is placed — in a job, on a contract, or as an entrepreneur. The work does not end with certification. It ends when she is earning.

01 Where it is happening

SITES • 2026

Ahmedabad	Raipur
Bangalore	Uttarakhand
Chennai	Amritsar
Hyderabad	Coimbatore
Indore	Jammu-Kashmir & Ladakh
Jaipur	Kanpur
Kolkata	Ludhiana
Lucknow	Siliguri
Mumbai	Vadodara
Northeast (Assam)	
Pune	
Bhubaneswar	

02 Training Completed

FY 2025 - 2026

5 Batches Of 25 = 125 people in
Karnataka

03 The training, in seven days

DGCA-RECOGNISED RPTO CURRICULUM

DAY 01	Drone technology, DGCA regulations, airspace, ethics
DAY 02	Flight safety, weather, simulator training
DAY 03	Assembly, calibration, pre-flight procedures
DAY 04	Basic flight and maneuvering, supervised
DAY 05	Intermediate operations and field practice
DAY 06	Emergency handling and recovery procedures
DAY 07	Assessment, flight evaluation, certification

Each trainee exits with an RPTO completion certificate, a remote pilot training certificate from a licensed RPTO, and a documented flight log — credentials recognised across the drone industry.

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The aim is not merely to train 1,000 women. It is to position each of them in a job, walk them through the family conversations that decide whether they take it up, and make the next cohort see them as proof.

— YRG MERF, ON THE PROGRAMME INTENT

Three decades. Twenty-five states. *One conviction.*

YRG MERF was set up in 1993 by the late Dr Suniti Solomon, who diagnosed India's first case of HIV. The work in the three decades since has spread across clinical research, government-partnered programmes, and skilling initiatives in 25 States and Union Territories. The thread running through all of it has been the same — reaching the woman, the young graduate, the worker who would otherwise stay outside the formal system. This programme is a continuation of that work, into a new sector.

30+

YEARS ON THE GROUND

4^{L+}

LIVES REACHED THROUGH PROGRAMMES

25

STATES & UTs

400+

PROJECT SITES ACROSS INDIA

What YRG MERF delivers across *every site*

→ **Candidate identification.** Women candidates reached through grassroots networks, SHG linkages, women collectives, college outreach, and youth platforms — with priority to first-generation learners.

→ **Awareness on the ground.** Orientation sessions, community meetings, and pre-registration drives at each site, briefing candidates and their families on the programme, the sector, and the placement route.

→ **Transparent enrolment.** Screening, eligibility verification, and enrolment in line with the criteria agreed with FICCI FLO and NeoSky — documentation complete, selection clean.

→ **Family engagement.** Continuous counselling and family conversations through the duration of training — the single biggest determinant of whether a woman completes the course and accepts the posting.

→ **Follow-up that lasts.** 12 to 24-month tracking of retention, income, and workforce participation — turning the cohort into an evidence base FICCI FLO can stand behind.

Required Document

Aadhaar card, 10th Marksheet, 2 Passport Size Photo, Any of Government ID (Voter ID/ Driving Licence / Passport)

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