

5th Edition

AeroTHON 2025

Theme: Surveillance and Disaster Management

 **Nov 14-15, 2025**



#AeroTHON2025



About AeroTHON

AeroTHON is one of the Annual Flagship events of SAEINDIA that prepares the students for being industry ready by providing an opportunity and platform for the students to apply and develop their skills in designing, building, flying an Uncrewed Aerial System (UAS) with insightful mentorship from the industry professionals.

UASs are being used across diverse areas, such as, defense, construction, infrastructure, mining, oil & gas, telecom, agriculture, media & entertainment, law enforcement, surveillance, security, safety, disaster management, geospatial mapping, land survey, the progress and condition monitoring through aerial photography and thermal imaging. Expansion of applications is expected in a widespread consumer market; synchronizing with the progress rate in technological innovations such as drone-facilitated last mile delivery for the retail, healthcare and logistics sectors.

To support the mission of Indian government to make India a UAS/Drone hub by 2030, under AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, with the estimated market of about USD 5B by 2030; SAEINDIA Aerospace Forum has been organizing AeroTHON every year since 2021. With the astonishing success of the past editions, we are organizing the 5th edition of AeroTHON as AeroTHON2025. As in the earlier editions, this edition too has two phases. The first phase is the design phase where the students design the UAS against the specified requirements and present it to the Jury panel. The shortlisted teams from design phase will be allowed to participate in the second phase of the event. The second phase involves building and flying the UAS in line with the designs presented during the first phase.



SAEINDIA AEROSPACE FORUM

Aerospace Forum is a team of dedicated Industry professionals representing a broad spectrum of knowledge and skills in the aerospace industry who define the strategy and direction of the Forum. Overall objective of the group is "To develop a strong community of interest, leading to a healthy aerospace ecosystem in India". Numerous events and activities have been organized by the Aerospace forum over the last decade.

SAEINDIA team has been collaborating with SAE International for the development of Aerospace Standards. The Indian team is actively involved in in G-31 Electronic Transactions for Aerospace (ETA) Technical Committee, G-34, the Artificial Intelligence in Aviation Committee and HM-1, the Integrated Vehicle Management Committee.

Objectives



To inculcate an innovation mindset among the student community in emerging technologies like Uncrewed Aerial System (UAS).



To Incubate and nurture skills and capabilities of aero design in young minds and prepare them for AatmaNirbhar Bharat in critical aerospace technologies.



To provide a platform for Aero-passionate students to demonstrate UAS design expertise.



To help develop the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Important Dates

Key milestones	Date
Registration opened for AeroTHON 2025	Jan 30, 2025 (Thu)
Registration Close	Mar 16, 2025 (Sun)
Phase - 1: Design Report submission by students	Jun 01, 2025 (Sun)
Phase - 1: Presentation submission by Students	Jun 08, 2025 (Sun)
Phase - 1: Review of Design reports by Jury	Jun 05, 2025 – Jun 13, 2025
Phase - 1: Students present designs to Jury	Jun 14, 2025 (Sat)
Phase - 1: Finalists announcements	Jun 25, 2025
Phase - 2: Physical Prototype build	Jun 26, 2025 – Nov 13, 2025
Phase - 2: Flying Round [Inauguration, inspection, Tiger's cage and Fly round]	Nov 14, 2025
Phase - 2: Flying Round [Fly round, Valedictory & Awards ceremony]	Nov 15, 2025

Contest Structure

The contest has TWO Phases

Phase 1: Design and Technical Presentation

- Innovative designs presentation from the participating teams
- Designs evaluation by Industry and Academia experts
- Announcement of Shortlisted Teams for Phase 2

Phase 2: Final presentation and Flight Test

- Building the Prototype of the UAS per presented design
- Final Technical presentation and Inspection of the prototype built
- Flight Test Awards to the winning teams



Sponsorship

Sponsor Category	Sponsorship Value	LOGO Presence				Stall Space at finals Venue	Social Media Posts	Webinar with Students
		Promo Graphics	Venue Branding	Event Collaterals	Prize Plaque			
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Academia Sponsor	Rs. 50,000	Small	Small	Small	Small	Table Space	1	0

Sponsorship Benefits:

Benefits to Industry :



Innovation and Collaboration

- Access fresh ideas and innovative solutions from student teams.
- Partner with academia to advance aerospace technology



Brand Visibility, Corporate Social Responsibility

- Enhance brand image and demonstrate commitment to aerospace development.



Talent Identification and Aquisition

- Identify and recruit skilled graduates with practical experience

Benefits to Academia



Branding, Placements and Internships

- Academia gains visibility, Job and Internship opportunities to deserving teams.



Practical Experience

- Students obtain Hands-On experience and along with Faculty Coordinators obtain Industry Mentoring through real-world applications, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical skills.



Skill Development & Knowledge Sharing

- Students get access to Special skill development sessions, access to tools and solutions, awareness from Industries and Solution providers



Networking and Collaboration

- Network and collaborate with industry experts, enriching academic perspectives through diverse and professional interactions.

Registration Guidelines

- **Registration Fee: Rs. 20,000 + 18% GST per team**
- Teams can be formed with a minimum of 5 students and a maximum of 10 students of multiple disciplines with one faculty advisor.
- It is mandatory for participating students to become student members of SAEINDIA.
- It is encouraged to take up the membership under +1 scheme as membership status continues for one more year after the completion of graduation.
- Though not mandatory, Faculty are encouraged to become a Faculty Member of SAEINDIA and avail the benefits available for the faculty member of SAEINDIA. Visit: <https://www.saeindia.org/become-a-member/> to sign up for SAEINDIA membership.

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