

MY FLYING EXPERIENCE

I'm a CDT K. Deekshita, and I am studying at V.P.S. PUBLIC SCHOOL. I would like to share my flying experience, which took place on 19th October 2024. Five CDT's from our school, including me, went for the flying experience.

On the morning of 19th October, exactly at 6:00 AM, we arrived at the HEADQUARTERS OF 8(A) AIR NCC. Four senior cadets also joined us. From there, we started at 9:00 AM to the hangar. However, due to some issues, our van broke down. We pushed it for about 5 minutes before we took an auto and reached the hangar at 11:00 AM.

At the hangar, we were introduced to the 'VIRUS SW-80' aircraft in which we would fly. Then, Vikas Sir explained to us the key parts of the aircraft. Exactly at 11:32 AM, we entered the runway. I was the first person to climb into the aircraft, which was piloted by our Wing Commander, Arjith Singh Rathee Sir. Sir showed us the surroundings of the airport for nearly 10 minutes, taking two rounds around the airport.

We returned to our headquarters at 2:16 PM. It was a wonderful and memorable experience with our friends and officers. We thank our ANO, G. Ravi Sir, for selecting us out of 22 members and giving us this beautiful opportunity. This is an experience that we will never forget in our lifetime, and all of this was possible because of our ANO, G. Ravi Sir.

THANK YOU, SIR.

As I was the senior of the NCC, I was the first member to participate on behalf of others.

It started on the morning of 20th October 2025 at 9:15 am. We were asked to report to the Air Force Office, and from there, we were made to sit in the truck accompanied by fellow cadets, including JW's and our seniors from other colleges. Then, we were taken to Vijayawada Airport, where the Air Force has a base. Our officers mentioned that this base, which we call a Hangar, has been there for the past 30 years.

After reaching, we clicked some pictures and were later given the opportunity to pull the aircraft Pipistrel Virus. A few fellow cadets got the chance to fly, and at last, I was made to sit in the cockpit beside our Commanding Officer, Ajith Singh Rathee.

The first thing that strikes you about the Pipistrel Virus is its sleek, almost futuristic design. It's clear that this isn't your average light aircraft. Climbing into the cockpit gives a vibe of stepping into a high-tech, advanced room. The panoramic view through the clear canopy is breathtaking, promising an immersive flight experience as if I were floating in the sky with zero weight.

During takeoff, the Virus demonstrated its impressive performance. It accelerated quickly, and with a gentle pull, the aircraft felt light and agile, yet surprisingly stable. When in the sky, it showed remarkable performance.

Once we reached cruising altitude, the true beauty of the Virus became apparent. Its aerodynamic design and efficient engine resulted in a smooth, quiet ride. It's easy to see why this aircraft is prized for cross-country flights. During the flight, we had to hold for a while due to other flights landing on the runway.

The landing approach was smooth and controlled. The airbrakes allowed for precise adjustments during descent, and the touchdown was gentle. Stepping out of the cockpit, I felt a sense of exhilaration and deep appreciation for the engineering behind this remarkable aircraft.

Due to its low fuel capacity, the Virus could only fly for two hours, which unfortunately caused some of our seniors to miss their chance to fly. The officers assured them that another session would be conducted for them later.

We consider ourselves lucky that such an incident didn't happen to us.

Flying the Pipistrel Virus is more than just a flight; it's an experience that blends performance, efficiency, and pure enjoyment. It stands as a testament to the possibilities of modern light aircraft design.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

D. Harshith

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I was the senior cadet among the Jw's and had the opportunity to fly. Along with me, five of the best cadets also got a chance to experience this. This incredible opportunity was made possible by our 'ANO' G.Ravi sir, to whom we are deeply grateful.

Journey began on the morning of 19th October 2024 at 9:15 am. We were instructed to report to the Air Force Office, here the NCC officer took charge. From there, we boarded a truck along with the cadets from our school, two SW's and two SD's from Loyola College.

We were then taken to Vijayawada airport, where the airport has a base. Are offices mention that this hanger has been in operation for the past 30 years. Upon arrival, the officers allowed us to take pictures. Vikas sir then explain various parts of the aircraft and the forces that make it fly, such as weight, thrust, lift and drag. We had the privilege flying in the 'Pipistrel virus SW 80' aircraft. I was the 3rd person to sit in the cockpit beside our commanding officer, Ajith Singh Rathee.

The 'Virus SW 80' is an advanced aircraft, and sitting beside commanding officer was a great honor. Flying several feet above the ground filled us with immense excitement, joy, and pride. Fortunately, all the cadets from our school got the chance to fly in the 'virus SW 80'. However, the senior cadets from Loyola College were unable to fly as the aircraft had low

fuel. Additionally, we were shown the runway where aircraft takes off and lands. We also learn about the flight line, also known as the airport apron, which is designated area at an airport where aircrafts are parked, loaded, unloaded, refuelled, and maintained. This area is also called the Ramp.

Overall, my flying experience was an unforgettable and priceless moment that I will cherish for a lifetime. We had enjoyed every part of it!

Thank you,

Your sincerely,

Cadet,

A.Aashika.