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## Report: Inauguration of JIS Drone Academy – West Bengal’s First University-Based RPTO

**Date of Event:** April 16, 2026

**Location:** SurTech Campus, Dum Dum, Kolkata

**Subject:** Formal Launch and Certification of JIS Drone Academy

### Overview

On April 16, 2026, JIS Group marked a historic milestone in the aviation and technology sector with the formal inauguration of the **JIS Drone Academy**. Recognized as West Bengal’s first and largest university-based, DGCA-authorized **Remote Pilot Training Organization (RPTO)**, the academy is set to become a premier hub for drone research, certification, and industry-aligned training.

### Key Highlights & Dignitaries

The ceremony was graced by high-ranking officials, esteemed academic leaders, and industry stalwarts. A pivotal moment of the event was the formal delivery of the **RPTO Certificate** to the respected **Sardar Simarpreet Singh, Director of JIS Group**, by the **General Manager (Air Traffic Management), Airports Authority of India (AAI)**.

**The following eminent personalities were in attendance:**

- **Sardar Simarpreet Singh**, Director, JIS Group
- **Dr. Neeraj Saxena**, Pro-Chancellor, JIS University
- **Dr. Saradindu Panda**, Principal, Dr. Sudhir Chandra Sur Institute of Technology & Sports Complex (SurTech)
- **Dr. Debasish De**, Professor, CSE, MAKAUT
- **Mr. Bidyut Majumder**, Deputy Director of Business Development, JIS Group
- **Mr. Sobhan Chakraborty**, Director, Megh Robotics
- **Mahua B. Adhikary**, GM (ATM), Eastern Region, AAI
- **Suman Chandra Halder**, Joint GM (ATM), AAI
- **Goutam Roy**, Joint GM (ATM), AAI
- **Anindita Ganguly**, Director of Technical Education, Govt. of West Bengal
- **Sangam Kumar Chaturvedi**, Team Lead, C-DAC
- **Bikram Kumar Das**, Regional Head (East), NSDC



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## Technical Demonstrations & Flight Show

The event showcased the operational excellence and technical readiness of the academy. **Mr. Suvendu Mondal, Accountable Manager**, successfully piloted the RPTO drone, demonstrating precision and safety protocols in line with DGCA standards. This was followed by a spectacular **drone light show**, featuring a synchronized light chain that highlighted the creative and technical potential of UAV technology.

## Speeches and Panel Discussion

The inauguration featured a high-level **panel discussion** regarding the future of the UAV ecosystem in India.

- **GM (ATM), AAI**, delivered an insightful speech emphasizing the importance of DGCA-aligned training and the critical role of air traffic management in the expanding drone sector.
- **Sardar Simarpreet Singh** shared his vision for the academy, noting that this initiative is designed to equip the next generation with future-ready skills in unmanned aviation. Following his address, he engaged in a series of media bytes to discuss the academy's roadmap.

## Media Presence

The event saw significant journalistic interest, with **35 media houses** in attendance. The launch was widely covered across English, Hindi, and regional news platforms (including *The Statesman* and *Patrika*), reflecting the regional and national importance of this facility.

## Conclusion

The JIS Drone Academy is now officially operational, offering specialized programs in drone surveying, mapping, forensics, and aeromodelling. By combining academic rigor with practical flight training, the academy aims to build a licensed workforce capable of supporting the growing needs of agriculture, infrastructure, logistics, and disaster management.

## A few glimpses



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