

Forced Landing of M/s Redbird Flight Training Academy PVT LTD training aircraft near Belgavi Airport

Aircraft Type: Cessna 172, Registration: VT-EUC

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M/s Redbird Flight Training Academy, Cessna 172 aircraft, VT-EUC while operating a cross country flight on sector “Kalaburagi to Belgavi” was involved in forced landing in an open field near Vijayapura today due to suspected fuel starvation experienced by the aircraft. The site of forced landing is 50 to 70 km. from Belgavi Airport. There were 02 persons on board *i.e.*, a Flight Instructor and a trainee pilot. Both the occupants of the aircraft are safe. Due to impact aircraft is damaged.

1. Organisation Information:

- M/s Redbird Flight Training Academy is a DGCA approved Flying Training Organization (FTO), Approval No.01/2020,
- Initial FTO approval was issued on 23/07/2020
- The FTO was last renewed on 23/07/2025 and is valid till 22/07/2030
- No of aircraft in the fleet: 48 aircraft.

2. Aircraft detail as on 08/02/2026:

- Year of manufacture: 1975
- C of R issued on : 23/05/2023 (With Red Bird FTO).
- C of A- issued on : 20/09/2023
- ARC issued on : 01/08/2025 valid up to 03/08/2026
- Time Since New (TSN) : 17512:40

3. Engine Details

- Engine Type: LYCOMING O320-E2D
- Engine hrs: 802:10 HRS

4. Crew Information

- PIC (Flight Instructor) : CPL holder
- Last Medical done on : 18.03.2025 (Valid till 19.03.2026)

- Hours Flown : 734 hours
- Last IR/Proficiency check : 25.07.2025

Further investigation will be carried out by DGCA/AAIB.

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