

# 'Tax E-Mela' helps cab drivers file I-T returns



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The GMR-led Hyderabad International Airport has collaborated with Bengaluru-based start-up Cab Dost, as a part of its corporate social responsibility, to help taxi drivers at the airport file Income-Tax returns for free with round-the-clock support.

This was taken as a follow up to last year's free PAN and Aadhaar linking financial inclusion drive. GHIAL had undertaken the initia-

tive of 'Tax E-Mela' this year, which was organised from June 21 to August 5 benefiting over 1,300 taxi drivers from Hyderabad.

This year, GHIAL and the Hyderabad centre of GMR Varalakshmi Foundation (GMRVF) joined hands with Cab Dost, a tech-based social enterprise working with the taxi drivers' community in India, to help them file their I-T returns and to bring financial inclusion by creating awareness among them to build a credible track record and plan

their finances. According to Cab Dost, eight per cent of taxi drivers' population in India was from Hyderabad and tax literacy among the taxi drivers in Hyderabad was very less, most of them being unaware about the need for filing I-T returns. "We have been partnering GHIAL for the last two years to create financial inclusion for cab drivers, most of whom are unaware that they need to file ITRs which can help build a record of income," said Yamuna Sastry, founder of Cab Dost.