



AIRCRAFT AND SYSTEMS TESTING ESTABLISHMENT



The Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment (ASTE) was established on 23 Aug 1972 from an Aircraft and Armament Training Unit (A&ATU) formed in Apr 1957. Flight testing activities for all fixed, rotary wing aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) for performance, sensors, weapons, upgrades and new technologies is undertaken through Flight Test Squadron (FTS). Developmental aircraft testing is done through Prototype Test Squadron (PTS). The IAF Test Pilots School for Test Crew training is also located within ASTE. The vision of ASTE is to make the country self-reliant through participation with various design agencies.

