Samtel Avionics Brings in Bharti Airtel Veteran Akhil Gupta to Drive Space, Satellite and UAV Expansion

Gurugram, 29 July 2026 — Samtel Avionics Limited, one of India's leading defence and avionics companies, has announced the appointment of Mr. Akhil Gupta as a Strategic Consultant through his consultancy firm Inversion Advisory Services. In this role, Mr. Gupta will spearhead the company's expansion into new-age technology domains including space, satellite systems, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), and uptronics.

Mr. Gupta brings with him decades of leadership experience and has been closely associated with the remarkable growth journey of the Bharti Airtel group. During his tenure, he played a pivotal role in helping scale the Airtel business from its early stages into one of India's largest telecommunications enterprises.

"We are delighted to welcome Mr. Akhil Gupta as a strategic advisor to Samtel Avionics. His deep understanding of scaling large businesses, strategic investments, governance, and emerging technology sectors will be invaluable as we accelerate our expansion into space, satellite, UAV, and advanced electronics domains. His guidance will help us build a strong foundation for Samtel's next phase of growth."

— Puneet Kaura, CEO & Managing Director, Samtel Avionics Limited

Under the consultancy mandate, Mr. Gupta will assist Samtel Avionics in preparing the company's long-term strategy for aviation and space businesses along with advising in financial management, capital structure, IPO readiness, and corporate governance. He will also enhance management information systems (MIS), performance metrics, and incentive frameworks among other important tasks.

Notably, the appointment comes at a time when Samtel Avionics is aggressively expanding beyond its traditional defence avionics portfolio into space technologies, satellite systems, drone manufacturing, and advanced electronic solutions. The company has recently announced significant investments in future-focused aerospace and defence capabilities and is positioning itself as a key contributor to India's growing indigenous defence and space ecosystem.

About Samtel Avionics Limited

Samtel Avionics is a leading Indian aerospace and defence electronics company, specialising in advanced avionics systems, displays, and mission-critical technologies. With a strong focus on innovation and indigenisation, the company plays a key role in supporting India's defence modernisation and aerospace capabilities. Samtel Avionics continues to expand its presence through cutting-edge solutions and strategic collaborations.