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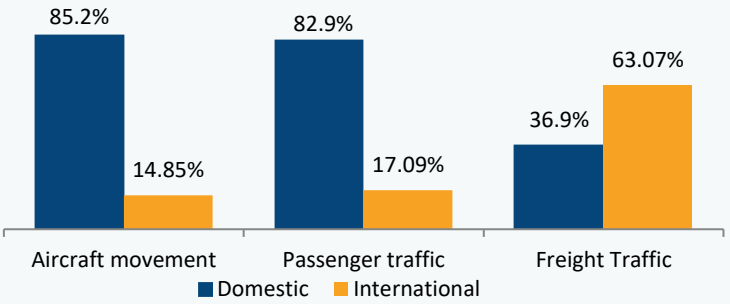
MARKET SIZE

Indian Aviation Sector

- Scheduled airlines: Aircraft flown (Thousand km.): 15,29,107
- Non-scheduled airlines in operation: 74 (FY24)
- Air Passengers traffic (million): 104.51 (FY27 till June 2026)
- Freight Handled MMT): 1.07 (FY27 till June 2026)
- Number of Aircrafts: 834 (CY24)
- Number of Operational Airports: 164 (2026)

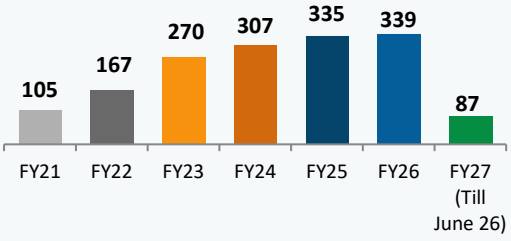
SECTOR COMPOSITION

Activity In AAI Airports - Share (%) - FY27 (Till June 2026)

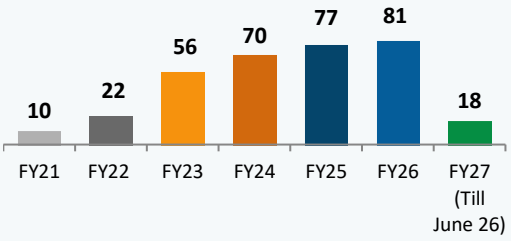


KEY TRENDS

Growth in Domestic Passengers (million)



Growth in International Passengers (million)



GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

UDAN

100% FDI for Greenfield Projects

Open Sky Policy

ADVANTAGE INDIA

- **Robust demand:** In April 2026, Airports Authority of India (AAI) expanded regional air connectivity by introducing additional IndiGo flight services between Puducherry and Bengaluru, improving passenger connectivity and supporting tourism and regional economic development.
- **Opportunities:** In March 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Phase I of Noida International Airport at Jewar and laid the foundation stone for a 40-acre Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility. Developed with an investment of approximately Rs. 11,200 crore (US$ 1.27 billion) under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.
- **Policy support:** As per the present FDI Policy, 100% FDI is permitted in scheduled Air Transport Service/Domestic Scheduled Passenger Airline (Automatic up to 49% and Government route beyond 49%).
- **Increasing Investments:** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi, approved the proposal of Airports Authority of India (AAI) for the development of a Greenfield Airport at Kota-Bundi (Rajasthan) on August 19, 2025, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,507.00 crore (US$ ~180 million).

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