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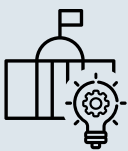
MARKET SIZE



SECTOR COMPOSITION



KEY TRENDS



GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES



ADVANTAGE INDIA

Indian Aviation Sector



Scheduled airlines: Aircraft flown (Thousand km.): 15,29,107



Non-scheduled airlines in operation: 74 (FY24)



Air Passengers traffic (million): 420.09 (FY26)



Freight Handled MMT): 3.96 (FY26)

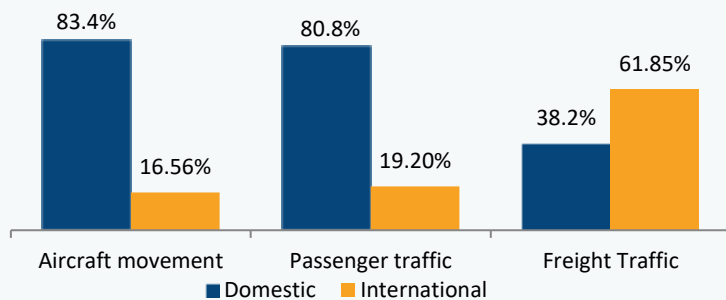


Number of Aircrafts: 834 (CY24)

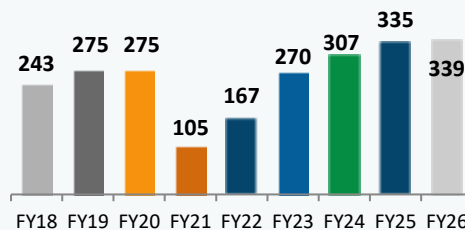


Number of Operational Airports: 164 (2026)

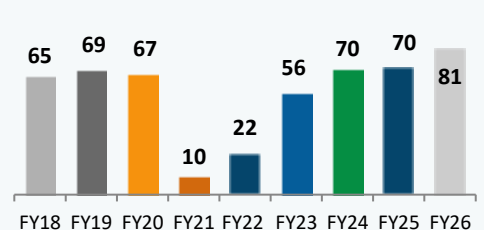
Activity In AAI Airports - Share (%) - FY26



Growth in Domestic Passengers (million)



Growth in International Passengers (million)



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100% FDI for
Greenfield Projects



Open Sky Policy

- 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, the project aims to strengthen India's aviation maintenance ecosystem and promote self-reliance in the MRO sector.
- 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).