



Press Release

New Delhi announced as host destination for Routes Asia 2027

New Delhi, 2nd September, 2025: India will host the 23rd edition of Routes Asia, the only air service development event dedicated to advancing air service development across the Asia-Pacific region. Airports Authority of India will host the 2027 gathering at New Delhi, with the official announcement made on 2nd September, 2025 in New Delhi.

Driven by record-breaking aircraft orders and major infrastructure investment, India's aviation market is expanding at an unprecedented pace. Rising demand from a growing middle class is reshaping both domestic and international travel, driving a shift in market dynamics. Supported by strategic investment, progressive policies and a robust regulatory framework, India is on track to become one of the world's largest aviation markets.

Currently served by more than 80 international and domestic carriers, India has established itself as a major aviation hub in South Asia. A World Travel and Tourism Council study found the country welcomed 20 million international visitors in 2024—2.3 million more than in 2019—reaffirming its position as a leading global tourism destination.

Mr. Steven Small, director of Routes, said: "As one of the fastest-growing aviation markets, India presents an exciting opportunity for the route development community. This growth will further accelerate, as a result of Routes Asia, with independent analysis showing that previous host airports in record network growth outpacing comparable airports by around 6.9% within three years."

Mr. Small added: "With decision-makers from over 100 of the region's leading and fastest-growing airlines expected to attend Routes Asia 2027, the event offers a unique opportunity for New Delhi to highlight the significant infrastructure investments to the people that decide where the region's aircraft fly."

Shri Vipin Kumar, Chairman, Airports Authority of India stated: "As we welcome the world to Routes Asia 2027 in India, we embark on a journey to unlock the limitless potential of our skies. Let's forge new pathways, strengthen partnerships and ignite the passion as our youth to shape the future of Civil Aviation. Together, we will accelerate air connectivity, drive economic growth and showcase the wonders of Incredible India. As we strive for a "Viksit Bharat" (India as developed nation), we will ensure that the benefits of growth are inclusive, sustainable and reach every corner of our great nation. Let us harness the power of Aviation to build a bright future, where every flight is a testament to India's progress, innovation and boundless possibilities."

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