

Session Name	Propelling growth through Aviation led Services
Speaker / Panelist	
Key data shared	The size of Indian Aviation market is INR 1.85 lakh crore which is as big as the size of the telecom or Railways. Aviation services is one among the 4 champion service sectors which stands tall today. Today, 200 million trips are generated through airways, of which 125 Million are domestic and 75 Million international trips, There is 12% is the cumulative average growth of the sector in volume terms. In view of this, if the Indian aviation continues to grow at a rate 10% year on year, India has the potential to reach One billion trips in the foreseeable future. In order to achieve this vision, we need to enhance our infrastructure capacity. Already, we have 500 commercial planes and 900 are in procurement pipeline. Also, we need to focus on enhancing our airport capacity, sufficient procurement of sea planes, drones, Helicopter service et al so that we make ourself ready for a more diverse eco-system.
Topics covered	Regulatory Institutions, Airport Capacity, Job Creation, Consumer Welfare, Existing schemes.
Issues highlighted Including during Q&A	<p>Enhance airport capacity: Existing airport capacity not sufficient to handle large footfall and besides, we also have problems with our runways, parking and MRO facilities.</p> <p>Improve the way we manage our airspaces: Adequate training is provided to our pilots and there is need for intervention of technology and investments to train our pilots and other stakeholders involved in the eco-system to better prepare ourself to the new technologies and unforeseen circumstances</p> <p>Strengthen our Regulatory institution: Safety is a major concern and there is need to train our regulatory institutions regarding the need for sufficient safety inspections to be followed by the airline operators, airports, etc and bring in international standards.</p> <p>Skill development and upgradation: Aviation sector is large and complex and we should impart skills across the value chain of the aviation industry.</p> <p>Cargo Traffic Create facilities for managing cargo traffic at the airport Rationalize cost of ATF</p> <p>Issue with MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul) services: GST is one major concern for the MRO industry and 18% tax is charged in India whereas it is null overseas. 35% MRO services is imported which translates to INR 33000 crore, owing to which we hand over 50000 direct</p>

	<p>jobs to our overseas firms.</p> <p>Activate Helipad Operation:</p> <p>How far is the progress on the policy formulation for drones?</p>
Solutions suggested	<p>Enhance airport capacity: Government is working on a long term plan to improve the overall infrastructure including land, parking, runways, MRO facilities, Greenfield airports, etc.</p> <p>Improve the way we manage our airspaces: Long Term investments are being planned to manage our airspaces better.</p> <p>Strengthen our Regulatory institution: Adequate measures would be taken to strengthen our regulary institution.</p> <p>Skill development and upgradation: Government is working on to impart skills across the value chain of the aviation industry.</p> <p>Issue with MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul) services: Government would take the GST issue of MRO services to the GST council</p> <p>Activate Helipad Operation: Under UDAN scheme, new helipads are planned. Also, Union Government is in discussion with various state governments and other stakeholders to activate helipads. Union Government also do have plans for providing adequate shuttle services. A model for helipads is being prepared</p> <p>Drone Policy: We are in consultation with security agencies & shall be soon out with the Policy.</p>