World's Ninth Largest Civil Aviation Market
• Total 132 Operating Airports with passenger capacity of 270 million.
• Passenger Traffic 223 million and Aircraft Movement 1.79 million in year 2015-16.
• Tremendous passenger traffic growth of more than 15% in last two years.
• World’s 4th ranked Domestic Passenger volume 168 million in year 2015-16.
• Handled Total Freight Traffic 2.70 MT, Domestic 1.04 MT and International 1.65 MT (2015-16).
• India has Bilateral Air Service Agreement with more than 100 countries.

Travel & Tourism Industry is estimated to grow US$ 270 billion (2023) from US$ 119 billion (2012)

• Use of Advanced Air Navigation Technology (Project GAGAN)
• Plan to develop 100 Low Cost Airports in Tier II & Tier III cities
• Launching of Regional Connectivity Scheme is one of the big step proposal of NCAP- October 2015.

Government Policy Initiatives to Promote Aviation Industry
• 100% FDI for Greenfield as well as for existing airports with an approval through FIPB
• 49% FDI in aviation for Foreign Carriers
• Increased traffic rights by Open Sky Policy and reduction of VAT on Aviation Turbine Fuel.
• Revised Draft National Civil Aviation Policy is released by MOCA on October 30th, 2015
  ➢ Regional Connectivity scheme is launched to cater under served routes.
  ➢ MOCA has invited the suggestions for modification in 5/20 rule, introduced in 2004.
  ➢ Planning to make INDIA an MRO hub to lower the operating and maintenance costs for airlines and save foreign exchange.
  ➢ Addition of more routes for category-1 airports with transparent criteria by Route Dispersal Guidelines.

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**SCENARIO IN GUJARAT**

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**DHOLERA AIRPORT**

Besides handling the logistics requirement of DSIR, the proposed Greenfield Airport will handle the spill over traffic of the existing Ahmedabad International Airport available in future. The proposed airport will also handle the increasing traffic from the nearby cities of the State and will propel an airport led economic growth project in the region similar to other Aerotropolis worldwide. The airport project would make use of eco-friendly solutions and sustainable technologies to earn maximum Carbon Credit.

Government of Gujarat has formed an SPV, Dholera International Airport Company Ltd. to facilitate the project in PPP mode as per the Greenfield Airport Policy of Government of India. Dholera International Airport Company Ltd. has obtained necessary approvals such as Environment Clearance and In-Principle Approval etc. from the Government of India. Dholera International Airport project has been declared as an ‘Early Bird Project’ jointly by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Government of India, Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Ltd. and the Government of Gujarat. Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Ltd. (DMICDC) has equity stake in DIACI.

DMICDC will soon appoint a Project Management Consultant / Transaction Advisor for the implementation and development of the Airport Project.
HIGHLIGHTS

- The airport is strategically located amongst the big cities of the state like Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Vadodara, Anand etc. while also connecting several international air routes.
- 1426 hectares of Government land has been reserved at Navagam Village of Dholera Taluka in Ahmedabad District.
- The measurement & demarcation of the site is carried out by District Inspector of Land Records.
- The site can accommodate two runways of 2910m and 4000m with parallel taxiways.
- Airport Authority of India has prepared the Feasibility Report, Detailed Project Report & EIA.
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has also submitted a Detail Project Survey Independently.
- Based on AAI DPR, DIACL has received the following approvals:
  - No Objection for construction of an International Airport from Ministry of Defence (MoD)
  - Site Clearance for the project from Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)
  - Environment Clearance for the Project from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF)
  - In-Principle Approval from the Indian Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)
- The project will be developed in Public - Private Partnership Model adhering to the guidelines of the Greenfield Airport Policy of Government of India.
- DMICDC is having equity stake in DIACL.
- The measurement and demarcation of the site is done by District Inspector of Land Records, Ahmedabad.
- Stone pegs are placed on 182 peripheral boundary points.
- DIACL has already floated RFQ cum RFP Document through DMICDC for selection of transaction advisor to develop Dholera International Airport.