

Union Minister Ram Mohan Naidu inaugurates a curtain raiser event for Wings India 2026

Country third-largest domestic aviation market and poised to become the third-largest overall air passenger market soon: Ram Mohan Naidu

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The Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India under the leadership of Hon'ble Minister Sh. Ram Mohan Naidu organized a curtain raiser event for *Wings India 2026*, Asia's largest civil aviation event at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI). Hon'ble Minister of state for civil aviation, Sh. Murlidhar Mohol; Secretary Civil Aviation, Sh. Samir Kumar Sinha; Chairman Airport Authority of India, Sh. Vipin Kumar; DG BCAS, Sh. Rajesh Nirwan; Chairman FICCI Civil Aviation Committee, Mr. Remi Maillard; Director General FICCI, Ms. Jyoti Vij graced the occasion.



The event also witnessed the launch of the Wings India 2026 Brochure, release of the promotional video and the official unveiling of the Wings India 2026 Mobile App, aimed at facilitating participation and engagement from stakeholders across the globe.



In his keynote address, Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India, highlighted India's remarkable aviation growth journey, stating that the country has become the third-largest domestic aviation market and is poised to soon become the third-largest overall air passenger market. He emphasized that the Government is working with a clear roadmap to achieve the vision of *Viksit Bharat @2047*, focusing on modernisation, adoption of future technologies and last-mile connectivity.



Hon'ble Minister Ram Mohan Naidu also declared the theme of Wings India 2026 – “Indian Aviation: Paving the Future - from Design to Deployment, Manufacturing to Maintenance, Inclusivity to Innovation and Safety to Sustainability”. The Minister reaffirmed India's commitment to global aviation with skies full of opportunities, fair policies and sincere partnerships. Hon'ble Minister added, “I am confident that Wings 2026 will build on its legacy, drawing even greater participation from industry partners and aviation enthusiasts

from India and across the globe. I perceive Wings India 2026 as more than an event—it is a vision statement, a bold declaration of India’s ambition to not merely participate in global aviation but to lead it”.

Shri Murlidhar Mohol, Hon’ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation, highlighted India’s aviation growth story which is powered not just by national policy but by the active involvement of states across the country. From enabling new airports to supporting regional airlines, states have played a key role in strengthening connectivity and unlocking local economic potential.

Under the UDAN scheme, Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities are now part of the national aviation grid, boosting tourism, trade, and employment. To further enhance regional coordination, the Ministry is organising a series of Regional Ministerial Conferences—platforms for states to share ideas, address local challenges, and align on common goals. Together, we are building a more inclusive and connected aviation ecosystem for all.

Shri Samir Kumar Sinha, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, in his special address, underscored the Ministry’s focus on sustainability and innovation to shape the future of Indian aviation. He highlighted that India is well-positioned to emerge as a global leader in Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), supporting international climate goals. He also noted that Wings India 2026 will act as a catalyst for Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), including drones and eVTOLs, ushering in a new era of urban and regional connectivity.

Shri Vipin Kumar, Chairman, Airports Authority of India, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the critical role played by AAI in expanding airport infrastructure and enhancing air navigation services across the country.

Mr. Remi Maillard, Chairman, FICCI Civil Aviation Committee and President & MD, Airbus India and South Asia, shared the industry’s perspective and noted that India is at the cusp of becoming the world’s leading aviation market. He emphasized the need for innovation, sustainability, and capacity-building to fuel the sector’s future.

Senior officials from MoCA, AAI, and FICCI, representatives from the diplomatic community, leaders from the global aviation industry, and members of the media were present.

Scheduled to be held from 28th to 31st January 2026 at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad, Wings India 2026 will bring together key stakeholders including airlines, manufacturers, state governments, investors, airport developers, cargo and logistics players, MROs, skill development agencies, and financial institutions from across the globe.

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