

## India's Hub-and-Spoke Aviation Model: "Easy Connect"

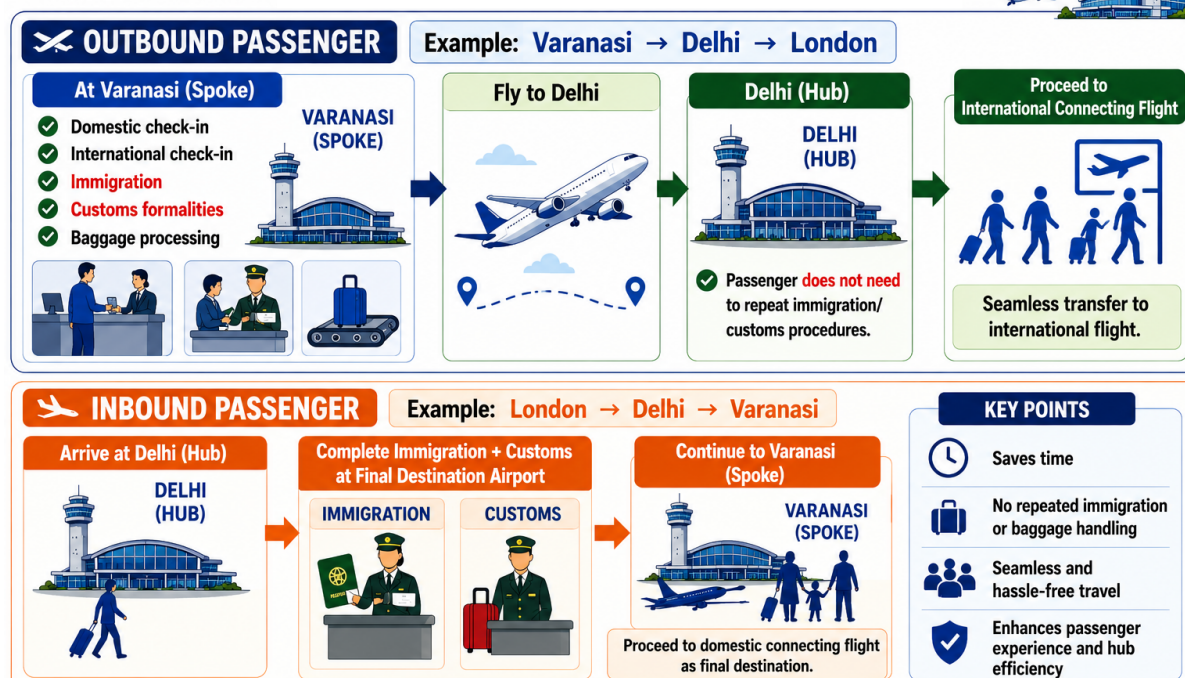
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### Why in News?

India has launched the first phase of a hub-and-spoke aviation strategy to make international travel easier for passengers from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.

- **Hub-and-spoke model** - Under the system, smaller airports, known as "spokes", are connected to larger hub airports such as Delhi.
- Passengers travelling abroad can begin their journey from a smaller city and connect seamlessly to international flights through the hub airport.
- **Launched by** - Ministry of Civil Aviation

### HOW WILL AIRPORT IMMIGRATION CHANGE?



- **Objectives**
- **Enhance international connectivity** - Facilitate direct connections between Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities and international destinations.
- **Minimize reliance on foreign transit hubs** - At present, approximately **35% of international passengers from India transit through foreign hubs** including

Dubai, London, and Singapore.

- **Establish India as a global aviation hub** - India's geographic position between **Europe and East Asia** offers a significant strategic advantage.
- **Optimize the utilization of existing airport infrastructure** - Increase the operational efficiency of regional airports developed under the UDAN scheme.



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## HUB-AND-SPOKE MODEL: KEY BENEFITS



| AREA                                                                                                        | BENEFIT                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  <b>Passengers</b>         |  Easier international travel from smaller cities             |
|  <b>Time</b>               |  Avoids repeated immigration/baggage procedures              |
|  <b>Airlines</b>           |  Better passenger feed into international flights            |
|  <b>Airports</b>           |  Better utilisation of regional infrastructure               |
|  <b>Indian aviation</b>   |  Strengthens domestic aviation ecosystem                    |
|  <b>Economy</b>          |  Generates jobs and aviation-related activity              |
|  <b>Foreign exchange</b> |  Potentially retains transit-related spending within India |
|  <b>Strategic</b>        |  Reduces dependence on foreign transit hubs                |

# INDIA'S AVIATION VISION: TIME FRAME & TARGETS



| TIME FRAME                                                                                          | TARGET                                                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <br><b>BY 2030</b> |  <b>Make India the aviation hub of choice for Indian passengers</b>      |
|                                                                                                     |  <b>Generate around 0.4 million, or 4 lakh, direct and indirect jobs</b> |
|                                                                                                     |  <b>Add approximately USD 30 billion to the economy</b>                  |
| <br><b>BY 2047</b> |  <b>Make India a leading global aviation hub</b>                         |
|                                                                                                     |  <b>Support around 16 million direct and indirect jobs</b>               |
|                                                                                                     |  <b>Contribute nearly USD 1.4 trillion to the economy</b>                |



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## Reference

[Economic Times | Hub and Spoke Model](#)



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