

Aviation sector in the country has an ~~inexhaustible~~  
~~unending~~ market and largely untapped potential. Do you agree?

Comment:

India has become the third largest domestic aviation market in the world and it bound to overtake UK to become third largest air passenger market by 2024. Yet, India has potential to realize up its potential.

### Bottlenecks

In India less than 4% of the population use air travel which is similar to poorer African states.

Country	Population	Passenger travel in air
China	1.4 Billion	660 million
USA	325 million	900 million
Europe	47 million	1140 million
India	1.2 Billion	140 million

The grim picture has been due to rigid rules and non acceptability.

## Inexhaustible market

The tourism is boomerang post pandemic, connectivity to hill stations by small aircraft will boost air network. The Dornier civil aircraft to Dehradoon is an example.

The Kashmir Udan scheme can be expanded by connecting deficit areas with surplus. This will give a fillip to MRO services which are at laggarde.

Air cargo can be integrated with rail and road connectivity. The Gati Shakti also envisages to double another footprint.

## Way forward

Restoring the charter business can boost employments to pilots and technicians. Suitable amendments in aircraft act and modernization of DGCA can largely reap the untapped potential of the aviation industry.