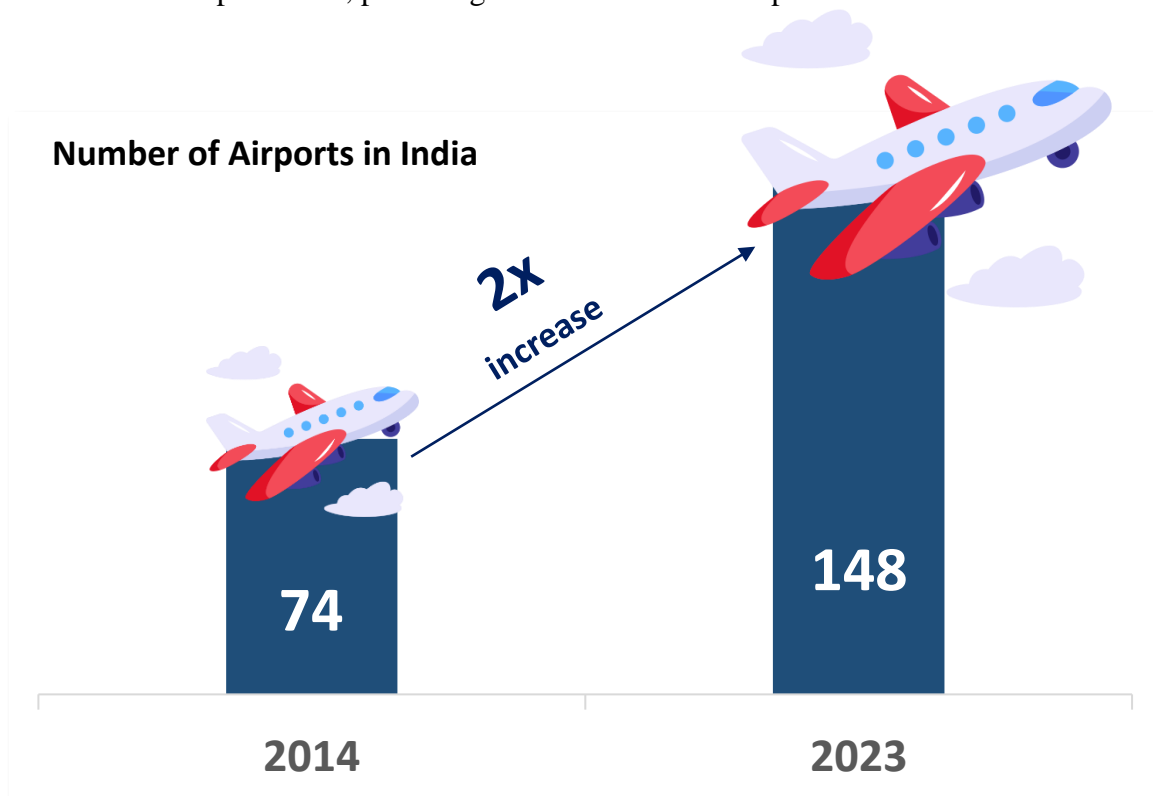


Record Growth in the Number of Airports in India

Number of airports in the country doubled from 74 to 148 in last 9 years

India's aviation industry has experienced significant growth in the past 9 years. The number of operational airports in the country has doubled from **74 in 2014 to 148 in 2023**. This growth can be attributed to the government's consistent efforts to improve airports and aviation infrastructure. One such initiative is the **Regional Connectivity Scheme – Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN)** launched in 2016, under which **469 routes connecting 74 airports** have been made operational, providing affordable air travel options for millions of Indians.



Additionally, the increase in airports has been accompanied by continuous efforts towards sustainability. The Level 4+ Carbon Accreditation received by Delhi and Mumbai airports is indicative of the aviation industry's efforts towards sustainability. AAI has developed a roadmap to achieve 100% renewable energy for all its remaining operational airports by 2024, demonstrating a commitment to sustainable practices. The industry is expected to continue to grow and adopt sustainable practices, promoting a cleaner, more efficient, and prosperous aviation industry in India.

Further reading:

- [Growth of Civil Aviation sector](#)
- [Drone Rules, 2021](#)