

# Cabinet briefing

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026



# Cabinet decisions

#	Decisions	Amount (Rs)
1	Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration and Tracking (IVFRT) 3.0	1,800 Cr
2	Modified UDAN Scheme	28,840 Cr
3	India's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under Paris agreement	Policy decision
<b>Total</b>		<b>Rs 30,640 Cr</b>

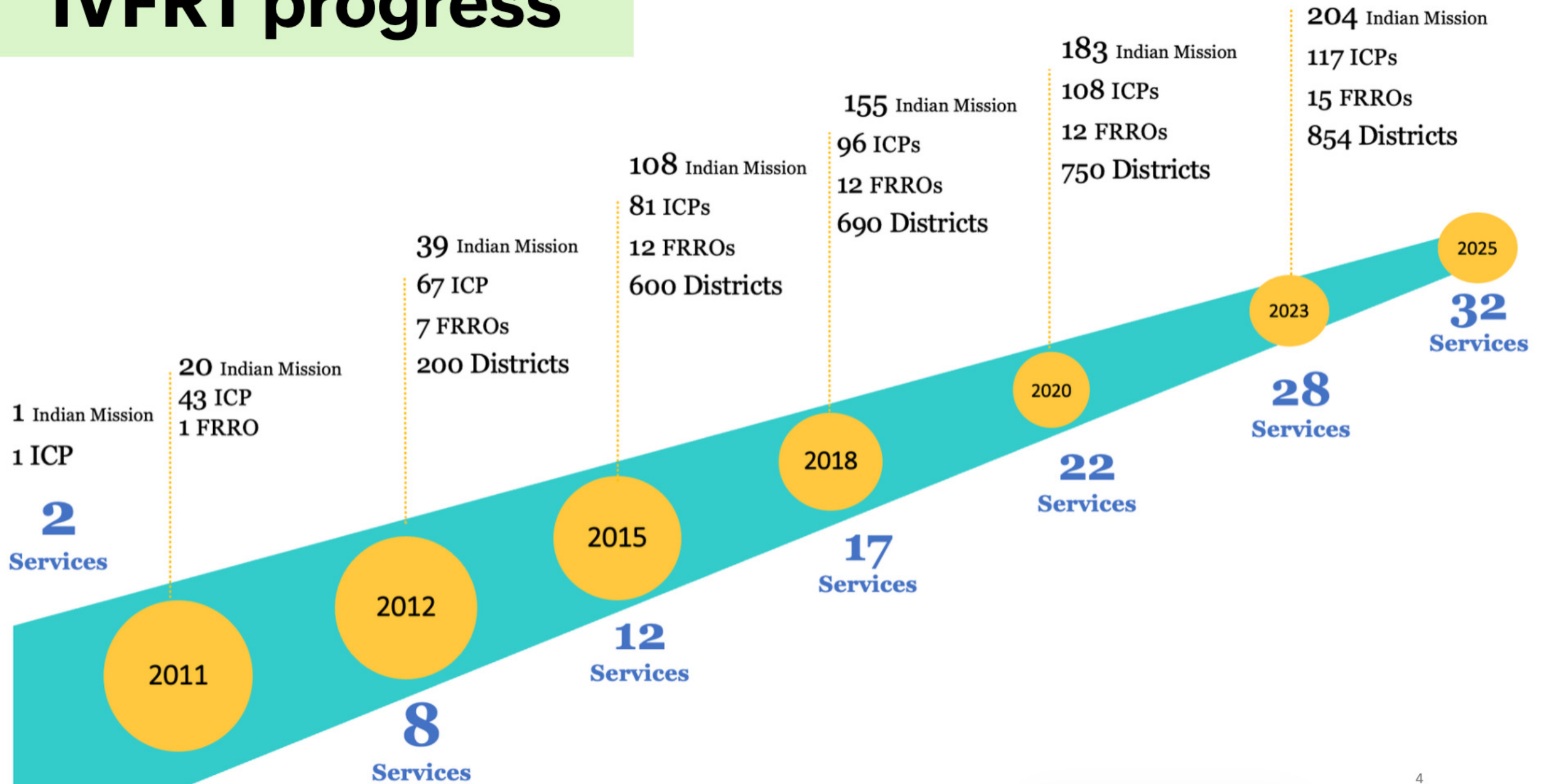
# International Arrivals

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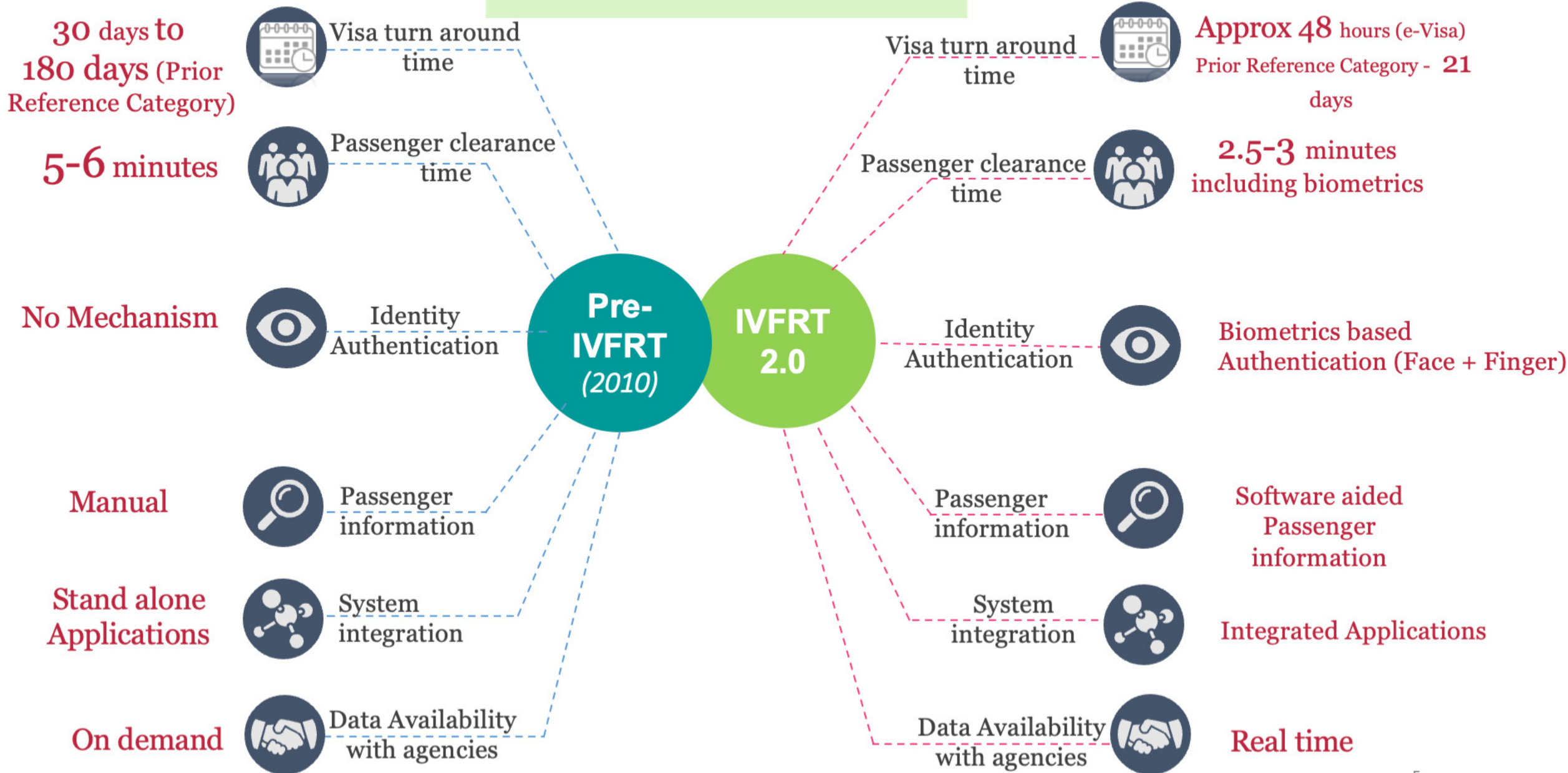


**Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration & Tracking (IVFRT) 3.0  
(Rs 1,800 Cr)**

# IVFRT progress



# Impact



# IVFRT 3.0

- Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration & Tracking (IVFRT) project facilitates legitimate foreign travelers while strengthening national security
- **Cabinet today approved IVFRT 3.0**
- Duration: **5 years (01.04.2026 to 31.03.2031)**
- **Outlay : Rs 1,800 Cr**
- Three main components:
  1. Emerging technology innovations
  2. Transforming core infrastructure
  3. Technology and service optimization

# Main components of IVFRT 3.0

- **Emerging technology innovations:**

- Next generation solutions such as IRIS scanning, AI/ML tools and AI enabled cameras
- Mobile app based services
- Self Service Kiosks at Immigration Check Posts

- **Transforming core infrastructure:**

- Upgrading Data Centre and Data Recovery Centre
- Replacement /new infra at Immigration Check Posts (ICPs), Foreigners Regional Registration Offices (FRROs), Districts, etc
- Integrated Command and Control Centre at ICPs
- Unified help-desk and IVRS support

- **Technology and service optimization:**

- Integrated immigration clearance system
- Unified Visa portal service

# Benefits of IVFRT

- IVFRT expansion to meet the evolving demands of global travel and address emerging national security challenges
- Will promote international mobility through a world-class immigration and visa issuance system
- Will enhance user experience



**Modified UDAN scheme  
(Rs 28,840 Cr)**

# UDAN progress so far



663

Routes  
Operationalized



95

Aerodromes  
Operationalized



10

Airline  
Operators



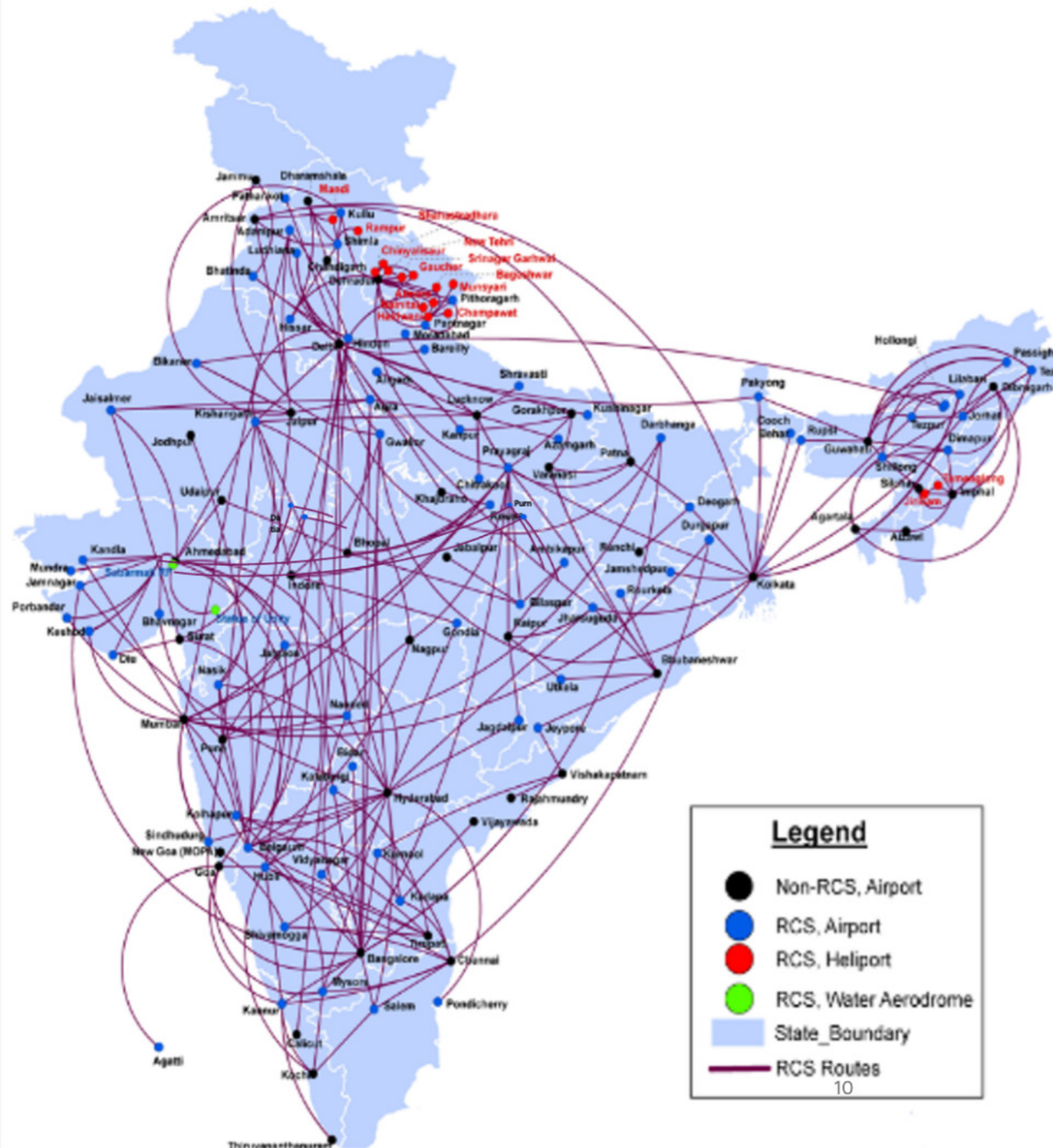
1.62  
Cr

Passengers  
Travelled



3.41

Flights  
Completed



# Jharsuguda airport (Odisha)



# Prayagraj airport (Uttar Pradesh)



# Shillong airport (Meghalaya)



# Agatti airport (Lakshadweep)



# Hollongi airport (Arunachal Pradesh)



# Hindon Airport (Uttar Pradesh)



# Kishangarh airport (Rajasthan)



# Darbhanga airport (Bihar)



# Modified UDAN

- **New airports:**
  - **100 new airports** will be developed in challenge mode
  - Average cost Rs 100 Cr per airport
  - **Budgetary support Rs 12,159 Cr**
- **New helipads:**
  - **200 modern helipads will be developed**
  - Helicopters offer a practical solution in Many Himalayan, North-Eastern, Island regions and aspirational districts
  - **Budgetary support: Rs 3,661 Cr**
- **New Aircraft:**
  - Acquisition of Made in India Aircraft
  - **Budgetary support: Rs 400 Cr**

# Modified UDAN

- **Viability Gap Funding for Airlines:**
  - Central Government will provide 80% to 90% of VGF
  - Tapered support over 5 years
  - **Budget support: Rs 10,043 Cr**
- **O&M support:**
  - Aircraft and aerodrome operators incur high cost
  - Cabinet approved three-year O&M support for RCS aerodromes
  - Rs 3 Cr annual ceiling per airport
  - Rs 90 Lakh annual support per heliport
  - **Budgetary support : Rs 2,577 Cr**

# Expected outcomes



120

**New Destinations**  
to be connected







4 Cr

**UDAN Passengers**  
to be flown

## Aviation Infrastructure Growth

- ✓ Hilly States
- ✓ Island Territories
- ✓ North East States
- ✓ Aspirational Districts

## Economic Impact

-  Job creation
-  Regional Development
-  Tourism
-  Affordable Air Connectivity

# Benefits of modified UDAN scheme

- 120 new destinations will be connected
- Will improve aviation infrastructure growth in Hilly states, Island territories, North-East states and Aspirational Districts
- Will provide affordable air connectivity to ~ 4 Cr UDAN passengers
- Will promote tourism and boost local economy
- Will improve the disaster response, medical emergency, etc in remote places
- Will create economic and employment opportunities for youth



**Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)**

# Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)

- **Paris Agreement (2015):** each party shall communicate its NDC every five years (Article 4.9) and parties may update their NDC (Article 4.11)
- India submitted its NDC for 2021-2030 on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015
- In COP 26 (2021), parties adopted common timeframes for NDCs:
  - In 2025: Submit NDC with end date of 2035
  - In 2030: Submit NDC with end date of 2040 and so on for every five years
- **Cabinet approved India's NDC under Paris Agreement**
- Duration: **01.01.2031 to 31.12.2035 (2031-2035)**

# NDC achievements

**36%**

*Reduction in emissions intensity of GDP achieved between 2005 and 2020*

**52%**

*Installed power capacity from non-fossil sources*  
**Goal achieved five years ahead of the 2030 schedule**

**2.3 bn**

*Tonnes Carbon sink created through forest and tree cover*

# NDC (2031–2035) goals

NDC (2031–2035) aligned with the principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC) and the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047

1. Reduce Emissions Intensity: **Target 47% reduction in emissions intensity of GDP by 2035 compared to 2005 levels**
2. Expand Non-Fossil Power Capacity: **Achieve 60% of cumulative installed electricity capacity from non-fossil sources by 2035**
3. Enhance Carbon Sink: **Create 3.5–4.0 billion tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent carbon sink**

# NDC (2031–2035) goals

4. **Climate friendly and cleaner path of economic development**
5. **Resilient infrastructure:** adaptation to climate change in various sectors like agriculture, water resources, health, disaster management and fragile ecosystems
6. **LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment):** mass movement for healthy and sustainable way of living
7. **Low cost finance:** Mobilize domestic, and new and additional finance from developed countries
8. **Capacity building and R&D:** in cutting edge climate technologies and international collaboration

# Cabinet decisions since June 2024 (Railways, Highways, Metro)



51 Railway projects  
**Rs 1,84,638 Cr**



30 Highway projects  
**Rs 2,54,187 Cr**



10 Metro projects  
**Rs 1,31,237 Cr**

# Cabinet decisions since June 2024 (Airports, Ports, Ropeways)



5 new Airports +  
Modified UDAN  
**Rs 37,846 Cr**



1 major port +  
Shipping reforms  
**Rs 1,45,945 Cr**



2 new ropeways  
**Rs 6,811 Cr**

# Cabinet decisions since June 2024 (Power, smart city, Housing)



Hydro projects +  
budgetary Support  
**Rs 31,017 Cr**

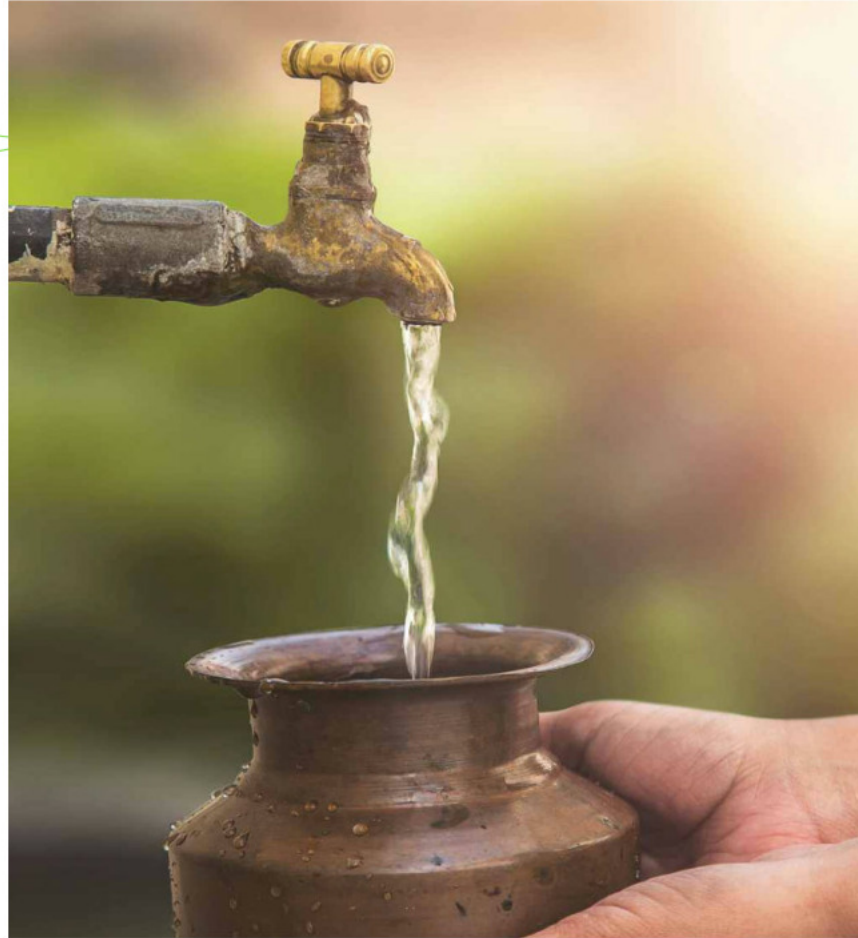


12 Industrial smart  
cities + Industrial parks  
**Rs 62,262 Cr**



PM Awaas Yojana  
**Rs 5,36,137 Cr**

# Cabinet decisions since June 2024 (Power, smart city, Housing)



Jal Jeevan Mission  
**Rs 8.7 Lakh Cr**



**Total infra projects approved since June 2024**  
**~ Rs 22.6 Lakh Cr**



