

IGI Among the World's Best Connected Airports

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According to the **Official Airline Guide (OAG)'s report**, Delhi's **Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)** secured **24th position** (among the top 50 most internationally connected airports worldwide) reflecting its **growing importance as a <u>global aviation hub</u>**.

- OAG is the **world's leading data platform** for the global travel industry.
 - According to the report, the first position was secured by London's Heathrow Airport (LHR), followed by Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL) in Malaysia.
- IGI Airport has been awarded as the first <u>NetZero Carbon Emission</u> Compliant airport in India. It is the only airport in the country with four runways.
 - It also inaugurated the country's first elevated cross taxiway in 2023.
- India's Aviation Sector:
 - India has emerged as the **third-largest domestic aviation market in the world**, after the USA and China.
 - India's airport network has witnessed a remarkable transformation, doubling its operational airports from 74 in 2014 to 148 in April 2023, facilitating increased air travel accessibility.
 - The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has taken initiatives to work towards carbon neutrality and achieving net zero carbon emissions at airports in the country.

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