INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC STATISTICS
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There are 91 scheduled international carriers- 5 Indian carriers and 86 foreign carriers. Currently India has air connectivity with 59 countries through 344 routes.

The scheduled international passenger traffic for the first quarter (January-March) of the year 2018 stands at 15.8 million while the international passenger traffic for the corresponding period in the year 2017 stood at 14.2 million thereby witnessing a growth of 11.3 per cent.

It has been observed that all the three months of the first quarter of the year 2018 witnessed a positive growth in terms of the total number of international passengers carried as compared to the corresponding months in the first quarter of the year 2017 (Chart 1 & 2).
MARKET SHARE

As can be seen from chart 3, the share of Indian and foreign carriers in the total international passenger traffic during the first quarter (January-March) of the year 2018 stands at 39.5 per cent and 60.5 per cent respectively. In the same Quarter (Q1) of the year 2017, the share of Indian and foreign carriers was 38.5 and 61.5 percent respectively.

Top ten international carriers accounted for almost 60 per cent of the international passenger traffic during the first quarter of the year 2018. Jet airways carried the maximum number of international passengers followed by Air India and Emirates airlines. All the 5 Indian Carriers viz. Air India, Air India Express, Indigo, Jet Airways and SpiceJet operating on International Routes, find place in the top 10 list (Chart 4). It may also be mentioned here that all the foreign carriers in the top 10 list originate from Gulf Countries except Sri Lankan Airlines.
More than half of the total passengers coming to India are accounted for by the countries in the region- **Africa & Middle East** (Chart 5). Same pattern is observed for the number of India’s outbound passengers i.e. more than half of the total outbound passengers are accounted for by the countries in the region- **Africa & Middle East** (Chart 6).

If we look at the specific countries within the region, it is found that maximum passengers are carried to and from United Arab Emirates (30.2 percent) followed by Singapore (7.1 percent), Thailand (5.8 percent) and Qatar (5.5 percent) (Chart 7). Among European Countries, United Kingdom is one of the hottest destinations as there is about 5 percent international passengers travel to and from UK.
Out of the 25 Indian cities from where international passengers Embark/ Disembark, **5 Indian cities** accounted for most (approximately **70 per cent**) of the international passenger traffic (Chart 8). **Delhi** tops the position in this category with a share of **26.9 per cent** followed by **Mumbai (21.5 per cent share)** and **Chennai (8.9 per cent share)**. Domestic and foreign carriers connect India to 59 countries through **344 Routes**. Out of these routes only **10 Routes** accounted for approximately **20 per cent** of the total international passenger traffic during the first quarter of the year 2018. Maximum international passengers were carried on the **Dubai-Mumbai** sector followed by **Dubai-Delhi** and **Dubai-Kochi**.

As regard to freight, share of Indian and Foreign Carrier is about **20 percent** and **80 percent** respectively (Chart 9). Out of the total number of scheduled international carriers, top ten carriers accounted for almost **70 per cent** of the international freight traffic during the first quarter of the year 2018. **Emirates** carried the maximum freight with **11.3 per cent market share** followed by **Qatar airways (11.1 per cent market share)** and **Jet airways (9.9 per cent market share)** during the first quarter of the year 2018 (Chart 10).

**Jet airways** and **Air India** are among top five scheduled freight carriers with market shares of **9.9 per cent** and **7.2 per cent** respectively during the first quarter of the year 2018. Other Indian Carriers, carry approximately 3.0 percent of the total international freight traffic.
As far as India’s inbound freight traffic is concerned, Africa & Middle East tops the position with a share of **28.8 per cent** followed by Europe (27.6 per cent share) and Asia Pacific (23.3 per cent share) during the first quarter of the year 2018 (Chart 11).

If we look at India’s outbound freight traffic, Africa & Middle East tops the position with a share of **49.5 per cent** followed by Europe (24.1 per cent share) and Asia Pacific (15.9 per cent share) in the first quarter of the year 2018 (Chart 12).