Ministry of Civil Aviation
Government of India

"INDIA AIRCRAFT LEASING & FINANCING SUMMIT 2.0"

Radisson GIFT City Club, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

08th May 2026 (09:00 Hrs. to 17:00 Hrs.)

Key Objectives

- Building on the Momentum: Strengthen GIFT IFSC's role in aircraft leasing and aviation finance.
- Convening the Ecosystem: High-level dialogue with experts from policy, capital, and the aviation industry to grow the aviation leasing ecosystem at GIFT IFSC.
- Global Insight to Local Momentum: Leverage global best practices to accelerate capital participation and develop GIFT IFSC as an aviation finance jurisdiction.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

0900 – 1000	Registration
Plenary Session	
1000 – 1005	Felicitation of Dignitaries
1005 – 1010	Welcome Address by **Shri Amit Ray**, Senior Economic Advisor, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India
1010 – 1020	Setting the tone by **Shri K. Rajaraman**, Chairperson, International Financial Services Centres Authority
1020 – 1035	Chief Guest Address by **Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel,** Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Gujarat
1035 – 1045	Industry perspective by **Shri Jürgen Westermeier**, Chairman of FICCI Civil Aviation Committee, President & MD, Airbus India and South Asia
1045 – 1055	Special Address by **Shri Samir Kumar Sinha**, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India
1055 – 1115	Guest of Honor Address by **Shri Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu**, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India
1115 – 1130	Announcements/MoUs/ Highlights

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Session 1	
1130 – 1330	**Session 1: Establishing Aircraft Lessor Ecosystem in GIFT IFSC** *This session will present perspectives from leading lessors on establishing their presence in GIFT IFSCA and enhancing confidence among international stakeholders. Discussions will focus on steps required to position GIFT IFSC as a competitive and forward-looking hub for aircraft leasing.* **Session Chair: Shri Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu**, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India **Co-Chair: Shri Samir Kumar Sinha**, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India and **Shri K. Rajaraman**, Chairperson, International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) **Session Moderator: Shri Ashutosh Sharma**, CGM, IFSCA ***Leasing and the opportunity landscape for GIFT city:*** ***Presentations by IFSCA*** 1. Insights on GIFT IFSC by **Dr. Dipesh Shah**, ED, IFSCA 2. Aircraft Leasing & Financing by **Shri Ashutosh Sharma**, CGM, IFSCA ***Airlines Perspective*** 1. Mr. **Krishan Bhargava**, CEO, Interglobe Aviation Financial IFSC (Indigo) 2. Ms. **Priya Mehra**, Chief of Governance & Strategic Acquisitions, Akasa Air 3. Capt. **Simran Singh Tiwana**, CEO, Star Airlines 4. Wg Cdr **Prem Kumar Garg**, CEO & AM, IndiaOne Air 5. Mr. **Abhijit Menon**, Divisional Vice President, Commercial, Air India

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	Global Lessors' perspective 1. Mr. **Ranga Karumbunathan**, SVP Marketing, Head of ME & Asia, AviLease 2. Mr. **John Bloemen**, Head APAC Marketing, Jackson Square Aviation 3. Mr. **Marc Tembleque**-Vilalta, Vice President, Avolon 4. Mr. **Sankalp Garg**, Head of APAC Aviation Commercial, CastleLake 5. Mr. **Philip Hansom**, Vice President Commercial, Dynam Aviation 6. Mr. **Jose Kling**, Sr. Vice President Asia, Griffin Global Asset Management 7. Ms. **Marilyn Gan**, Head of Origination APAC, Willis Lease Finance Corporation 8. Mr. **Alok Anand**, CEO & Chairman, Acumen Aviation 9. Mr. **Aashish Sonawala**, MD, Vyomax Solutions 10. Mr. **Gagan Jacobs**, Director, Skypulse Solutions ***Taxation perspective:*** 1. Mr. **Bharat Jain**, Partner, BSR ***Legal perspective*:** 1. Mr. **Richard Williams**, Partner, Watson Farley & Williams 2. Mr. **Anand Shah**, Senior Partner, AZB & Partners 3. Ms. **Ketaki Mehta**, Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas **Session Summary:** **Remarks by Shri Samir Kumar Sinha**, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India
1330 – 1430	**Lunch Break**

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Session 2	
1430 – 1630	**Session 2: Unlocking Growth in Aviation financing in GIFT IFSC** *Experts from global financial institutions and other stakeholders will share perspectives on expanding access to capital, strengthening risk-management approaches, and aligning legal and taxation frameworks to facilitate investment in the sector.* **Session Chair: Shri Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu**, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India **Co-Chair: Shri Samir Kumar Sinha**, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India and **Shri K. Rajaraman**, Chairperson, International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) **Session Moderator: Dr. Dipesh Shah**, ED, IFSCA ***Policy Maker's Perspective:*** 1. Shri **Vir Vikram Yadav**, Director General, Directorate General of Civil Aviation ***Industry's perspective on developing the financing ecosystem*:** 1. Mr. **Alistair Forbes**, Marketing Director, Embraer 2. Mr. **Parameshwaran**, CFO, Bluedart Aviation ***Financiers' perspective*:** 1. Mr. **Katan Hirachand**, Chief Executive and Chief Country Officer, Société Générale 2. Mr. **Gaurav Gupta**, Chief Executive Officer, Qatar National Bank 3. Shri **Dharmesh Kumar**, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India 4. Mr. **Bharat Singhal**, Director, Corporate Banking, SMBC Bank

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	5. Mr. **Arvind Singh**, CEO IBU, Bank of India 6. Mr. **Satyanarayan Patra**, Chief Executive IFSC IBU, Bank of Baroda 7. Mr. **Vivek Srivastava**, CEO IBU, Axis Bank 8. **Gp. Capt. RK Bali** (Retd.) Managing Director, Business Aircraft Operators Association (BAOA) ***Legal perspective:*** 1. Ms. **Shikha Bagai**, MD, Vistra 2. Mr. **Chris Healy**, Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright 3. Ms. **Namita Das**, Partner, Dentons Link Legal 4. Mr. **Ajay Kumar**, Managing Partner, KLA Legal **Session Summary:** **Remarks: Shri K. Rajaraman**, Chairperson, International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)
1630 – 1650	Concluding Remarks by **Shri Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu**, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India
1650 – 1700	Vote of Thanks by **Shri Amit Ray,** Senior Economic Advisor, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India
1700 onwards	Networking over evening high tea

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