

## Indian Aviation Retains FAA Category 1 Status

India has retained the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) 'Category 1' status. Notably, air carriers of 'Category 1' countries are permitted to operate or expand their services to destinations in the US and code share with US air carriers. The US FAA, under its IASA programme, had conducted an audit of India's Directorate General - Civil

Aviation (DGCA) in the areas covering aircraft operations, airworthiness and personnel licensing. The 'Category 1' determination has come at a time when Indian aviation is on a high growth trajectory and air carriers in India have major capacity induction and expansion plans.

