

## Akasa plans doubling of daily flights to GCC

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New Delhi: India's newest airline Akasa Air targets a doubling in the number of daily flights to the Gulf destinations - and with the promise of keeping fares on these hyper-busy routes as affordable as is possible.

It was in March that Akasa launched its international services, and currently operates one flight a day on its Gulf-bound routes. "We're already in five destinations (in this region), but we see that expanding to many more," said Vinay Dube, Akasa's founder and CEO. "We're looking at expansion in every part of the world."

Currently, Akasa Air operates over 900 weekly departures. By the festive season, this number is anticipated to exceed 1000, showcasing the airline's robust expansion efforts.

The airline's fleet consists of 24 aircraft, with more additions expected shortly. Akasa Air has a substantial order book, with a firm order for 150

Boeing 737 MAX aircraft, bringing the total to 226 airplanes. The airline plans to receive its 202nd aircraft within the next eight years, indicating a sustained growth strategy.

In its two years of operation, Akasa Air has carried over 11 million passengers and transported over 70,000 tonnes of cargo. Operating across 27 destinations, the airline has made a significant impact on both passenger travel and cargo transport sectors.

Akasa Air's impressive growth in just two years is a testament to its strategic planning and execution. With ambitious plans to expand its fleet, increase weekly departures, and double its ASKs, the airline is poised to continue its rapid ascent in the Indian aviation industry. As it gears up for the festive season and beyond, Akasa Air's commitment to meeting market demands and maintaining operational excellence will be crucial in sustaining its position as the country's fastest-growing carrier.

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