

Akasa's next aircraft order to be in 'three digits'

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Akasa Air is going to place an order for a fleet of aircraft which will be in three digits by the year-end, the company said on Wednesday (March 1).

The company's Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Vinay Dube said it plans to go international by the year-end and intends to set up a learning academy in Bengaluru. He also said Akasa has already ordered a fleet of 72 aircraft of which 18 have been delivered.

"By the end of the year, we will place a large order for aircraft. I'm not going to disclose the number, but the order will be in three digits and it will be significant," Dube said in a press conference here.

In the next 1 year, Akasa is going to hire 300 pilots, Dube said, adding that the company is also going to open a learning centre in Bengaluru.

According to him, Akasa Air will need at least 3,500 pilots in the next one decade.

The company completed 6 months of its operations to become the fastest growing airlines in the country, it said in a statement.

With 36 daily flights from Bengaluru, Akasa Air is the third largest domestic carrier in the city, it noted.

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