

India expected to become centre of world aviation in 15 yrs: Airbus

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India is expected to become the centre of the world aviation industry in the next 15 years, given the demand, capacity, and professionally run airlines present in the country's aviation market, according to Edward Delahaye, head of customer accounts for India and South Asia at Airbus.

Delahaye said on Wednesday that airport connectivity in India, especially during passenger transitions from domestic to international flights or vice versa at Indian airports, requires improve-



Edward Delahaye, head of customer accounts for India and South Asia at Airbus, said improvement was needed in airport connectivity — when a passenger changes a domestic flight to an international flight or vice versa

ment. This is crucial as the country's carriers are increasing their share in international air traffic. "When a passenger wishes to transfer from a

domestic to an international flight at an Indian airport, sometimes the connection is not considered 'ideal' or 'easy,'" he remarked during the Airline

Economics Growth Frontiers India 2024 event.

In comparison, airports in Singapore or Doha are known for their seamless transfers between the flights. India currently has about 800 commercial aircraft operating in its skies, with the majority of them being from the European plane maker Airbus.

Delahaye expressed optimism about the prospects of Indian aviation, considering factors such as domestic traffic growth, gross domestic product growth, recapturing international traffic, and establishing India as a global connecting hub.