



# International Aviation Safety Assessment

## Why in News?

The aviation safety regulator of the U.S. - the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), has retained the **“Category 1” status for India’s aviation safety** oversight following a review.

## What is the International Aviation Safety Assessment?

### ▪ About:

- The **FAA conducted** the International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) program over a one-year period, which included physical audits and a further review in 2022.
- The program **focuses on** three broad areas:
  - **Personnel licensing**
  - **Operation of aircraft**
  - **Airworthiness of aircraft**
- This assessment determines whether a country’s aviation safety oversight standards comply with the [International Civil Aviation Organization \(ICAO\)](#) safety standards.

### ▪ Findings about India:

- The FAA has informed the [DGCA \(Directorate General of Civil Aviation\)](#) that India meets the international standards for aviation safety oversight of the [Chicago Convention](#) and its Annexes and continues to retain FAA IASA **Category 1 status** which was last assessed in July 2018.
  - The countries listed under ‘**Category-1**’ meet the **ICAO standards for safety oversight of civil aviation.**

### ▪ Significance of Findings for India:

- It reaffirms India's reputation **as a safe and reliable aviation market.**
- It allows Indian airlines to **continue to operate flights to the U.S.** and enter into codeshare partnerships with U.S. carriers, which can **help to increase trade and investment.**
- It demonstrates **India's commitment to complying with safety standards** established by the UN aviation watchdog, ICAO.

## What is the International Civil Aviation Organisation?

- **ICAO is a United Nations (UN) specialized agency**, established in **1944**, which laid the foundation for the standards and procedures for peaceful global air navigation.
- The **Convention on International Civil Aviation** was signed on 7th December 1944 in Chicago (hence called **Chicago Convention 1944**).
  - It established the core principles permitting international transport by air, and also led to the creation of the ICAO.
  - It **covers** a wide range of issues, including the rights of aircraft in **international airspace, the registration of aircraft, safety standards, air traffic control, and environmental protection.**
- One of the objectives of ICAO is to **foster the planning and development of international air transport** so as to ensure the safe and orderly growth of international civil aviation throughout the world.
  - India is among its 193 members.

- It is **headquartered in Montreal, Canada.**

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