

= IndiGo =

IndiGo is a low @-@ cost airline headquartered at Gurgaon , India . It is the largest airline in India in terms of passengers carried with a 36 @.@ 8 % market share as of February 2016 . The airline operates 679 daily flights to 40 destinations and is the second largest low @-@ cost carrier in Asia . It has its primary hub at Indira Gandhi International Airport , Delhi .

The airline was founded as a private company by Rahul Bhatia of InterGlobe Enterprises and Rakesh Gangwal , a United States @-@ based NRI in 2006 . It took delivery of its first aircraft in July 2006 and commenced operations a month later in August 2006 . The airline became the largest Indian carrier in terms of passenger market share in 2012 . The company went public in November 2015 . The airline operates a single aircraft type of Airbus A320 with an all economy configuration .

= = History = =

IndiGo was founded in 2006 as a private company by Rahul Bhatia of InterGlobe Enterprises and Rakesh Gangwal , a United States @-@ based NRI . InterGlobe had a 51 @.@ 12 % stake in IndiGo and 47 @.@ 88 % was held by Gangwal 's Virginia The new owner of Indigo share as an 20 @.@ 2 % in Indigo She daughter of Shymacharan and Meena Devi Takhellambam . She is from Manipur State City Imphal . Langlen Takhellambam Bhatia . She from keishamthong Hodam Leirak , Leirembi Maning Street @-@ based company Caelum Investments . IndiGo placed a firm order for 100 Airbus A320 @-@ 200 aircraft in June 2005 with plans to commence operations in mid @-@ 2006 . IndiGo took delivery of its first Airbus aircraft on 28 July 2006 , nearly one year after placing the order . It commenced operations on 4 August 2006 with a service from New Delhi to Imphal via Guwahati . By the end of 2006 , the airline had six aircraft and nine more aircraft were acquired in 2007 . In December 2010 , IndiGo replaced state @-@ run carrier Air India as the third largest airline in India , behind Kingfisher Airlines and Jet Airways with a passenger market share of 17 @.@ 3 % .

In 2011 , IndiGo placed an order for 180 Airbus A320 aircraft in a deal worth US \$ 15 billion . In January 2011 , after completing five years of operations , the airline got permission to launch international flights . The airline launched international services in September 2011 . In December 2011 , the DGCA expressed reservations that the rapid expansion could impact passenger safety .

In February 2012 , IndiGo took delivery of its 50th aircraft , less than six years after it began operations in 2006 . For the quarter ending March 2012 , IndiGo was the most profitable airline in India and became the second largest airline in India in terms of passenger market share . On 17 August 2012 , IndiGo became the largest airline in India in terms of market share surpassing Jet Airways , six years after commencing operations .

In January 2013 , IndiGo was the second fastest growing low @-@ cost carrier in Asia behind Indonesian airline Lion Air . In February 2013 , following the announcement of civil aviation ministry that it would be allow IndiGo to take delivery of only five aircraft that year , the airline planned to introduce low @-@ cost regional flights by setting up a subsidiary . Later , IndiGo announced that it plans to seek permission from the ministry to acquire four more aircraft , therefore taking delivery of nine aircraft in 2013 . As of March 2014 , IndiGo is the second largest low @-@ cost carrier in Asia in terms of seats flown .

In August 2015 , IndiGo placed an order of 250 Airbus A320neo aircraft worth \$ 27 billion , making it the largest single order ever in Airbus history . IndiGo announced a ? 3 @.@ 200 crore (US \$ 480 million) initial public offering on 19 October 2015 which opened on 27 October 2015 . As of February 2016 , it is the largest airline in India in terms of passengers carried with a 36 @.@ 8 % market share .

= = Corporate affairs and identity = =

IndiGo is headquartered in Gurgaon , India .

== Logo and livery ==

Twenty round dots arranged in the shape of an aircraft serves as the logo of the airline . The airline uses a two tone blue livery on a white background with the belly of the aircraft painted in Indigo with the logo in white . The flight attendants wear a single @-@ piece navy @-@ blue tunic with a cap and a thin indigo belt designed by fashion designer Rajesh Pratap Singh and make @-@ up artist Ambika Pillai . The airline has the tagline on @-@ time focusing on punctuality .

== Operations ==

IndiGo became one of the fastest growing low cost carriers in the world and was the largest profitable airline in India . The success of IndiGo has been attributed to its unique business model which reduces costs . The airline operates a single type of aircraft (Airbus A320) in similar seating configuration which simplifies crew training and maintenance . The airline strikes bulk deals with Airbus reducing unit costs . The airline targets a quick turn @-@ around time of 20 minutes to get the aircraft ready for the next flight , ensuring planes fly about 12 hours every day . Employees share multiple roles with a check @-@ in staff doubling as a baggage handler .

== Destinations ==

As of July 2016 , IndiGo operates 818 daily flights to 40 destinations , 35 in India and 5 abroad . Its main base is located at Delhi , with additional bases at Bangalore , Chennai , Hyderabad , Kolkata , Mumbai and Nagpur . In January 2011 , IndiGo received a license to operate international flights after completing five years of operations . IndiGo 's first international service was launched between New Delhi and Dubai on 1 September 2011 . International services were later expanded to serve Bangkok , Singapore , Muscat and Kathmandu . The airline is considering launch of flights to Kunming , China .

== Fleet ==

In order to reduce operational overhead , IndiGo operates only the Airbus A320 family of aircraft in its fleet . As of April 2016 , IndiGo operates the following aircraft :

== Fleet Information ==

IndiGo received its first A320 in July 2006 and planned to induct 100 aircraft by 2015 ? 2016 . In 2012 , the airline took delivery of its 50th aircraft and the 100th aircraft was delivered on 4 November 2014 , completing its initial order ahead of schedule . The Airbus A320neo family aircraft ordered in 2011 were to be delivered starting 2015 . However , due to a delay in the production and delivery of these aircraft , IndiGo dry @-@ leased a total of 22 used aircraft to cope up with the demand . The first A320neo aircraft was delivered to IndiGo on 11 March 2016 .

== New aircraft orders ==

IndiGo placed an order for 100 Airbus A320 @-@ 200 aircraft worth US \$ 6 billion in June 2005 during the Paris Air Show with plans to commence operations in mid @-@ 2006 . IndiGo signed a memorandum of understanding for an additional 180 Airbus A320 aircraft including 150 with the New Engine Option (NEO) worth US \$ 15 billion on 11 January 2011 and IndiGo will be one of the launch customers of the A320neo aircraft .

On 15 October 2014 , IndiGo expressed its intention to order a further 250 A320neo aircraft worth US \$ 25 @.@ 7 billion at list prices . On 15 August 2015 , IndiGo confirmed the order for 250 A320neo aircraft for \$ 26 @.@ 5 billion . The order also provides IndiGo the flexibility to convert some A320s to A321neo which can seat more passengers and fly on longer routes . The order of

250 jets is Airbus 's single largest order by number of aircraft .

= = Services = =

Being a low @-@ cost carrier , IndiGo offers only economy class seating accommodating 180 passengers per aircraft . To keep fares low , IndiGo does not provide complimentary meals in any of its flights , though it does have a buy @-@ on board in @-@ flight meal programme . No in @-@ flight entertainment is available and Hello 6E is the in @-@ flight magazine published by IndiGo . IndiGo offers premium services , where the passengers can avail additional benefits like a pre @-@ assigned seat , multiple cancellations and priority check @-@ in at a higher fare .

= = Awards and achievements = =

IndiGo has won the following awards :

Best low @-@ cost carrier by the Airline Passengers Association of India (2007)

Best low @-@ cost carrier at the Galileo Express Travel Awards (2008)

Best low cost airline by CNBC Awaaz (2009 , 2013)

Best LCC Aviation award for excellence by Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation (2015)