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Secondary Research

Current airline CAC is 5 to 7x more as compared to CRR

Indian aviation market is expected to grow at a CAGR of 7.2% from 2023 to 2028

61% of consumers switched brands as compared to the previous year

WHY LOYALTY MATTERS TODAY?

Frequent flyers (\$17 billion: Nearly book online) convenience, availability, preference for brands, past-experience and a hassle-free post-booking experience

65% **business** across industries comes from repeat purchases by existing customer

Why frequent flyer programs are a major focus area for airlines?

Parameters	Core Operations	Loyalty program
Group focus (Time/Efforts)	90%	10%
Revenue generated	60-75%	6-18%
Net profit margin	1-20%	20-50%
Market valuation (P/E)	4-10x	15-40x

Primary Research

Sample: Tier-1, Survey N=121, Interviews (5), Age: 20-55 years



Almost 75% of the respondents who are Flying Miles members are dissatisfied with the overall program offerings.

Almost 50% of the respondents who are Flying Miles members consider switching to other program for better rewards.





Revenue-based

1.7 cent/mile

Almost 25% of the respondents who are Flying Miles members are willing to pay Rs.0-1000 (students) for enhanced benefits, 17% are willing to pay Rs.1000-3000 or even Rs.3000-5000 (corporate/family people).

Competitors	Indian L	andscape	American Lan	ndscape	Europe + Middle East		
Parameter	Indigo	Vistara	Delta	American	Air France	Lufthansa	
Frequent Flyer	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Program	(6E Rewards system)	(Club Vistara)	(Sky Miles)	(AAdvantage)	(FlyingBlue)	(Miles & More)	
Partner Airlines	O. The Following	SINGAPORE BRITISH AIRWAYS	SKYTEAM	American Airlines •	AIRFRANCE ALL AIRFRANCE AI		
Common Features Ava	Common Features Available - Lounge Access, Discounts on Airfare, Free flights/upgrade, Priority baggage drop off/fast track security/check-in/boarding, Additional baggage allowance) - "Depending on tier status"						
Exclusive partner offers	Limited partners like 6E treats for dining, bookiing.com ,baggage partners,wallet partners	accorplus, point transfer partners	20+ partner airlines, hotel partners and Airbnb, car rental, partner restaurants, SkyMiles Shopping, The Bar, Clear Membership	car rentals,, AAdvantage eShopping portal, AAdvantage	Travel, Leisure Entertainment, Health & Beauty, Fashion, Home	40 airline partners, 3,00,000 hotel partners, car rentals, books and subscriptions, online and offline shopping partners	
Unique Services	3 Nominees who can redeem your points	reservation, Bonus festivals, free	SkyMiles Experiences, such as sports event, concert, and travel packages, TSA Pre-Check membership, No expiry of miles policy	Choices, Admirals Club membership, Miles boost benefits	Conversion of miles from another	Benefit of the Day (BOTD); Pay fees, taxes and airline surcharges using reward points	
Flyer program	NA	Payanua hasad	Multiple Options (miles, segments,	Pevenue based	Hybrid (depending on airline and	Hybrid (depending on airline and	

Competitor Benchmarking

(revenue based or

mile based) Value of Miles NA

NA

COMPETITOR BENCHMARKING

Customer Journey Mapping and Gap Analysis

Revenue-based

90 paisa/mile

Revamp Strategy and Value Proposition

dollars spent)

1.2 cent/mile

Communication and Marketing Strategy

mode of booking)

1.2 cent/mile

Financial Breakdown

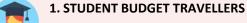
mode of booking)

1.3 cent/mile





USER PERSONA



Description: SARAH ALI Age Group: 18-30 years **Grad/Post-Grad Students**

Habits: Travels once every 2-3 months during

semester breaks

Pain Point: Difficult to find cheap tickets, budget travel, flexible booking options

Interests: Social media and online shopping



2. CORPORATE HUSTLERS

Description: LATIKA VERMA Age Group: 25-40 years

MNC Working Professional

Habits: Travels for meetings/conferences almost once/twice every month

Pain Point: Limited time for personal relaxation, seek priority comfort services

Interests: Streamlined services while traveling



3. FAMILY VACATIONERS

Description: VINOD GOEL Age Group: 35-50 years

Government Service Employee

Habits: Plans vacations during school/office breaks and festive seasons

Pain Point: Difficulty in getting seats for all

members together at cheap rates

Interests: Discounted hotel stays and transport



4. LEISURE TRAVEL EXPLORERS

Description: TANYA KHADIJA Age Group: 25-35 years

Self Employed - Content Creator

Habits: Enjoys adventurous and offbeat travel experiences, travels very often

Pain Point: Finds it challenging to discover and get access to unique experiences with discount

Interests: Exploring new destinations/offers

PHASE OF	Pre-Trav	rel Phase	Pre-Flight Phase		Airport Phase		In-Flight Phase	Post-Flig	ht Phase	Beyond Flight Experiences
JOURNEY	Research and Planning	Flight Booking	Travel Preparation	Check-In	Security and Immigration	Waiting and Lounges	Boarding and Journey	Baggage Claim	Feedback and Review	Feedback and Review
Interactions	Customers explore destinations, compare fares, plan their trips	Customers select flights, choose seats, and make reservations	Customers book accommodation, rental cars, and airport transfers	Customers check in luggage for their flight	Customers pass through long security and immigration checks	Access lounges for relaxation, long waiting time, and refreshments	Enjoy in-flight services, meals and entertainment	Retrieve checked- in baggage at luggage belt	Provide feedback and reviews about the flight experience on google, social media	Dine, shop, use transport services, enjoy spa treatment, participate in tours, stay at partner hotels, attend shows
Problem/ Pain Points	High ticket prices, lack of clarity on airline hidden fees, limited info about destinations	Complex Booking, Lack of flexibility in change fees, fare options & unclear refund policies	Limited hotel and transport options, lack of integration between flight, hotel, cab services	Long wait time at check-in counter, need excess baggage for long period travels or moving to new city	Tedious security checks and lengthy immigration queues	Lack of comfortable waiting areas, lounge privileges and amenities	Uncomfortable seats, and limited meal options	Delayed or lost baggage	Lack of a platform to provide feedback and seek post journey service, Poor UI/UX leads to drop offs	High prices and limited access to local experiences
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Experience		<u></u>		9	<u> </u>				<u> </u>	
Expectation/ Opportunity	Earn/redeem miles with AI, Star Alliance partners, personalized promotions	Booking flights using co-branded credit cards, fee waivers, preferred seats class upgrade	Earn points by booking hotels and car rentals through partner platforms	Enjoy priority check- in and additional baggage allowance with elite status	Enjoy fast- track security clearance with elite status	Complimentary lounge access (food, drinks and wi-fi) with elite status	Priority boarding, Free entert ainment, Wi-Fi (international flights) , Free Meal options	Enjoy priority baggage handling with elite status	Participate in feedback programs for bonus miles, Dedicated Phone Line for Customer Service for members	Earn/Redeem points at partner restaurants, retail outlets, spa service bookings, contests, unique cultural experiences, entertainment, hotel stays, Limited time offer
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ANALYSIS GAP



Exclusive redemption option is a major plus, as lower ticket price is the biggest factor when

choosing an airline



Loyalty programs that offer nonflight benefits can be more valuable to customers



value Customers airlines that are flexible and have user-friendly website interfaces



Survey results suggest that customers are not fully satisfied with the program and are not likely to recommend it to others.



Only 9% of respondents are members of Flying Returns program while 75% respondents unaware if such program with Air India even exists



Customers transparency w.r.t hidden ees and want personalized on individual based travel preferences

OUR BIG IDEA – Revamping Flying miles for giving Air India customers the ultimate experience

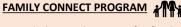


List of Benefits	depending on T	Tiers and Domestic/	International Trav	el – *Subject to T&Cs

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BENEFIT	Base Tier	Silver Edge Club	Golden Edge Club	The Platinum Club
Minimum Miles required		YOURS WITH 25,000 POINTS	YOURS WITH 50,000 POINTS	YOURS WITH 75,000 POINTS
Additional baggage allowance (Weight Concept Flights)	_	10 kg/20 lb	20 kg/44 lb	25 kg/50 lb
Additional baggage allowance (Piece Concept Flight)	_	1pc	1pc	1pc
Upgrade vouchers - Domestic	_	One	Three	Five
Upgrade vouchers - International	_	One	Two	Three
Air India lounge (+1 Lounge Guest)*	_	_	~	✓
Access to Star Alliance Gold lounges	_	_	✓ _	~
Dedicated check-in counter, Priority check-in and				
boarding, Priority delivery of baggage, Priority wait list		~	/	✓
clearing, Dedicated Phone Line for Customer Service	_			
No-fee rebooking privilege	_	~ -	Domestic 🗸	International+ Domestic 🗸
Dedicated fast-track security lanes at select airport.	_	-	~	~
Guaranteed Seat	_	_	Upto 48hours before	Upto 24hours before
Preferred seat	_	Upto 72hours before	Upto 48hours before 🗸	Upto 24hours before
Exclusive partner discounts/offers (subject to tier rates)	_	>	✓	~
Complimentary meals	_	3 times a year	6 times a year	10 times a year
Complimentary Inflight Wi-Fi (International)	_			✓
Exclusive offers and promotions	_	Avail 2 per month	Avail 4 per month	Avail 6 per month
Rescheduling Fee Waiver	_		✓	✓
Curate your choice of partner benefits	_	Upto 6 partner benefits 🗸	Upto 10 partner benefits 🗸	Upto 16 partner benefits 🗸



- Unlock Special Features @Rs.799 a year Guaranteed booking (economy) - Date
- change flexibility (48 hours before flight)
- 10% discount of every booking above 25%
- Complimentary wi-fi (international travel)
- Option to upgrade to Silver Club (T&C apply)



- Unlock Special Features for family of 3+ people @Rs.1499 a year
- Transfer miles to linked accounts
- Group discounts on travel booking (T&C Apply)
- Preferential seat allotment

EXCLUSIVE CLUB OFFERINGS @MINIMAL FEE

CORPORATE CLUB

- Unlock Special Features @Rs.1299 a year
- Flexible booking (3 free cancellations, up to 48 hours in advance)
- International Lounge access
- Complimentary wi-fi (international travel)
- Bonus miles on each flight (T&C apply)

EXPLORER CLUB



- No fee for joining club
- **Unique Content Collaborations**
- Hidden Gems Expeditions
- Community belongingness
- **Share and Win Buddy Badges**



TATA NEU



Conversion factor 2 miles = 1 Neu coin 3 Neu coin = 1 rupee Special offers:-

1st time user will get 20 Neu coins free

VR BASED WEBSITE

- Interactive UI
- Experience complete benefits virtually first

Earn/Burn Ratio

EARN WITH FLYING MILES

REDEEM WITH FLYING MILES

Per Rs100 spent

Base Tier

Earn 8 Miles

Use 100 miles

to get Rs 25 off

Use 100 miles to get Rs 35 off

Silver Tier

Earn 10 Miles

Per Rs100 spent

Earn 12 Miles Per Rs100 spent

Gold Tier

Earn 15 Miles Per Rs100 spent Use 100 miles

Platinum Tier

Use 100 miles to get Rs 45 off to get Rs 55 off

Strategic Partnerships (while leveraging the TATA Ecosystem)

1. FLIGHT PARTNERS



Members get access to 1300+ destinations in 193 countries

2. HOTEL/SERVICED RESIDENCES PARTNERS





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Lodging spending at luxury hotels expected to grow at 11%. ~Bain Report

3. RESTAURANT/DELIVERY PARTNERS



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Food spending by international travelers currently accounts for 35% of total spending and is growing by more than 10%. ~Bain Report

4. FINANCIAL SERVICES PARTNERS



94% of foreign travelers will be taking insurance for their

~ICICI Lombard Survey'22

5. TRANSPORT/CAR RENTAL/FUEL PARTNERS









6. CO-BRANDED BANK CARD PARTNERS





Co-branded cards have activated 28% inactive customers. ~PWC

7. LIFESTYLE AND FASHION PARTNERS

27% business travelers' shop for gifts in airports.















8. EXPERIENCE PARTNERS





Travelers are craving local experiences. SULA ~AirSage Company

9. ENTERTAINMENT PARTNERS







10. HEALTH AND WELLNESS PARTNERS





Among millennials, 21% booked to go away to a wellness retreat in 2022. ~Accenture Survey

In summary – We propose to launch 4 new premium clubs for existing tier members, and provide benefits like world-class airlines, plus Tata neu integrations and strategic partnership benefits.

Driving impactful results by crafting effective Communication and Marketing Strategies for Revamped Flying Returns Loyalty Program



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GTM Roadmap	YEAR 1							YEAR	12		
Quarters	Q1	Q2	i J	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2		Q3	Q4
Awareness	Promos: Ad films	/Print/Digital Ads/Email	s/Email Social media/moment marketing/banners			Social media/email marketing/banners/SEO		ail marketing/banners/SEO	4		
Interest	Product placement/reels	Online contests/po	odcasts/blogs	Meme marketing/Story Sharing	<u> </u>		Online contests/podcasts/blogs			Online contests/podcasts/blogs	4 ['
Desire	1	Travel blogger reviews,	s/AR interactions	·	Member testimonia	ials		Reviews/testimor	nials		
Action	1	Exclusive Sign (up Bonus	UGC/Community er	ngagement		Targeted ads for miles redemptio	n with partners with	CTA	1	
Retention	1			Referral points/FR buddies				Referral points/FR bu	uddies	<u></u>	Milestone Celebrations
								TV			

Media Strategy: Increase Awareness

Media Strategy: Generate Interest and Deepen curiosity

Media Strategy: Build credibility & understanding

Media Strategy: Generate new sign-ups & interactions

ADVERTISEMENT CONCEPT (TV + Social Media) -

Message: Discover the world of Flying Return rewards, and

find what's waiting for you

Ad Scenes: All Personas sharing an anecdote

Theme: Join Flying Returns - "Where every journey becomes an unforgettable story" (30 Secs - 1 Min ads)











PRINT ADS (Newspaper + AI magazine) -



Ad Title: "Time to Soar: Spread your loyalty wings"

Times of India front page + Air India In-flight Magazine given in flights

Ad Context: Photos of different Traveler profiles, Pictures of unique places + texts of special rewards QR code of website - CTA Scan and Win Bonus Miles

DIGITAL ADS -

Ad Theme: "Beyond Miles, Beyond Boundaries" Video teasers of core benefits 'Learn More' CTA after ad to access website Infographics of multi-rewards features #discoverflyingreturns #soarabovetherest #unlockrewards #flybeyondboundaries

CAMPAIGN(S) KPIS: Click Through Rate, Social Media Engagement Rate, TRP of Ad Campaigns, Cost per impression (CPM), Share of Voice for hashtags

ONLINE CONTEST (Students Only) -





"SAPNO KA SAFAR" campaign - Share your dream destination and Tell us how you will redeem your miles on your trip Air India to sponsor trips* of 10 lucky winners

MEME MARKETING -

User Generated Content (pics/gifs) for driving engagement Word of mouth due to create buzz and generate free publicity







PODCASTS/REELS/STORY SHARNG -

Theme for content: #BeLoyalFlyRoyal Macro + Micro Influencers (Multiple-format content)



CAMPAIGN(S) KPIS: Website traffic, Content Engagement rate (like, comments), Time on page, Podcast & Reel views and shares, Share of Voice for hashtags

MEMBER TESTIMONIALS -

Theme: "Fly with Loyalty, Earn with Pride" Testimonials featuring loyal customers - quotes, images, travel stories and experience with Air India Social media, Website blogs, AI Magazine

TRAVEL BLOGGER REVIEWS -

Theme: "Fly with Lovalty, Earn with Pride" Suggest content elements, such as redemption walkthroughs, lounge access experiences, and personalized benefit exploration.



INTERACTIVE WEBSITE VR FEATURE -

"AI Dreamscape" - FR (flying returns) meets VR VR based website feature- Virtual Journey from pre to post travel - Experience redemption options, lounge, exclusive offers at stage of user journey virtually



CAMPAIGN(S) KPIS: Request for Information, Conversion Rate, Pay-per-click rate, Time spent on page, Bounce Rate, CPM

SIGN UP BONUS -

Exclusive Sign-Up Bonus - valid only for few weeks Count-downer on page for days

remaining to avail bonus miles CTA on social media: "Enroll Soar with Rewards Instantly" - On ads/stories/posts



SIGN UP NOW!

REFERRAL POINTS/MILES -



Invite and Earn Greater Miles for each Sign Up Personalized referral code (limited period validity)

IN-FLIGHT QUIZ/GAMES -

Participate in 'Air India Travel Explorer Challenge' to test your travel-savvy and learn about the loyalty program Instruction: Luck winners who sign up for Flying Returns during the flight will earn 100 bonus miles as a reward.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (FR BUDDY BADGE)

Connect, Share, Explore

Communication and Marketing Strategy

Promote user-generated content through dedicated sections to share their travel stories, photos, and reviews



CAMPAIGN(S) KPIS: Enrollment rate, Sign up bonus, Redemption rate, Referral Program Participation, CAC, Net Promoter Score



Understanding Financials

THE 230% FACTOR | COST-BENEFIT

50,000,000

456,500,000

Customer acquisition cost



COST HEADS -

Marketing Investment			
Туре	Amount (in million INR)		
Print	₹ 421		
Magazine	₹ 65		
Newspaper	₹ 356		
Social Media	₹ 293		
Youtube	₹ 106		
Instagram	₹113		
Google	₹ 73		
Television	₹ 760		
Celebrity	₹ 457		
Non Celebrity	₹ 303		
Online Contests	₹2		
Total	₹ 1,475		

Technology Investment	₹ 205
Dedicated Phone Line Costs	₹ 10
Excess Working Capital Inv.	₹ 300

Instagram	Cost in Rs.
Ad creation	2,000,000
Ad spend	110,000,000
Influencer marketing fees (2 lakh per influencer x 5 influencers)	1,000,000
Agency fees	300,000
Total estimated cost	113,300,000
Google	
Ad creation	3,000,000
Ad spend	60,000,000
Pay per click fees (50 Rs per click * 200000 clicks)	10,000,000
Agency fees	300,000
Total estimated cost	73,300,000
Youtube	
Ad creation	5,000,000
Ad spemd	100,000,000
Influencer marketing fees (2 lakh per influencer x 5 influencers)	1,000,000
Agency fees	300,000
Total estimated cost	106,300,000
Total sum	292,900,000
Television - Non celebrity ads	Cost in Rs
Ad production	2,000,000
Talent & crew	250,000,000
Air time	50,000,000
Advertising agency - strategy, creative Development & campaig	r 1,000,000
Total estimated cost	303,000,000
Television - Celebrity ads	Cost in Rs
Ad production	5,000,000
Talent & crew - including celebrity fees	400,000,000

Advertising agency - strategy, creative Development & campaigr 1,500,000

REVENUE SOURCES:-

- 1. Assuming Split passengers between domestic international to remain constant
- Long term rate growth assumed to be India's Nominal GDP growth Rate
- **Effect** of inflation assumed to be at a constant rate of 7%

1 Mile = Rs 0.8

Value of miles for business partners

All values in million INR

Parameter	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Revenue From Flights	₹501,040	₹ 590,589	₹ 686,508
Revenue From Subscribers	₹9,849.61	₹ 10,850.46	₹ 11,787.59
Revenue from partners	₹5,993.75	₹ 6,602.79	₹ 7,173.06
Deferred revenue	₹7,492.19	₹ 8,253.49	₹ 8,966.32
Total Revenue	₹ 524,376	₹ 616,296	₹ 714,435
% growth	19%	18%	16%
Total Revenue % growth	,	,	,

Average Subscription Revenue (per passenger)							
	Average Subscription % of Total Subscrib						
Student Travellers	₹ 799	30%					
Corporate Hustlers	₹ 1,299	20%					
Family Vacations	₹ 1,499	50%					
	₹ 1,249						

COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

3-yr Revenue Benefit from

proposed loyalty program





7.93

251

1,989.71

Financial Summary (Post Implementation)				
Excess Return %	17.34%			
Increase in Net Profit Margin	9.32%			
Return on Investment	230%			

	230%
	INR
1 4	19 53 CR

Total estimated cost

Customer acquisition cost (in INR) 3-yr Cost of proposed **Loyalty Program**

No. of new customers (in millions)

Program costs (in million INR)

INR 198.9 CR

MEASURING SUCCESS(KPI'S) -



3-Yr ROI: 230%



Avg. revenue growth

Increase in subscriber

Cust. Lifetime Value

Detailed financial model link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pbPPRozUP4VDne2_IzdCh3nMkkcStszn9AKkiZ9IDk/edit?usp=sharing

Competitor Benchmarking

Customer Journey Mapping and Gap Analysis

Revamp Strategy and Value Proposition

Communication and Marketing Strategy

Financial Breakdown

APPENDIX

AIR INDIA

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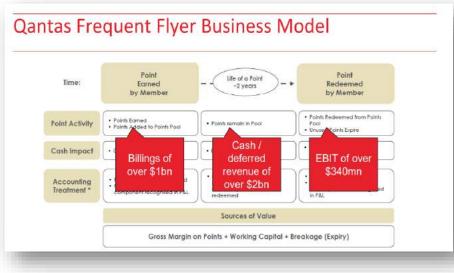
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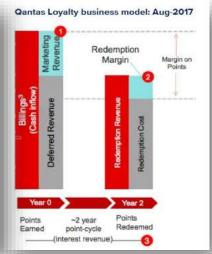
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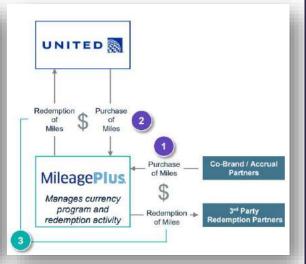
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Interview with Airline professional

Loyalty programs financial model referred:-









programs

Flying

Frequent

Exclusive

Curate your own choices: Intermiles



Exclusive Student club: Qatar Airways



Experiences: Singapore Airlines

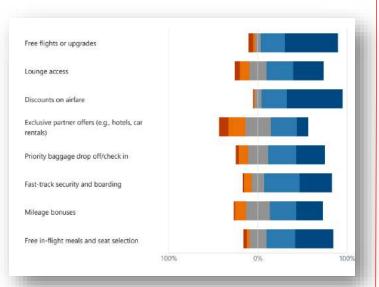


Status Match: Turkish Airlines

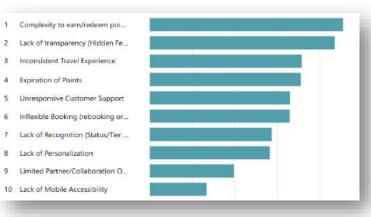
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Primary Research Insights



Most of respondents wanted "More Monetary Benefits" in the form of cheaper tickers or free meals youchers



The biggest pain-point for the respondents was "Complexity and lack of transparency" of frequent flying program

News Snippets that shaped our Idea

Live from a Lounge

Taj InnerCircle is subsumed into Tata Neu

The Tata Group has been long working on their superapp, which they call Tata Neu. The intention has been to bring any possible customer...

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Ultimately, "Tata Neu" is going to be platform for instant rewards



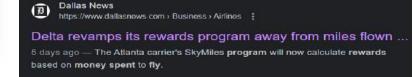
Proposed loyalty program, must be synergic with Club Vistara



Air-India focus on to be " Most Technologically advanced airline"



Understanding what customer value in "Award-winning" loyalty program



Looking over the "Reward program" recent changes across world

Reason behind Our target segments :-



4.1 crore College going Indian students7.7 lakh Indian students went abroad for study

Students if attracted can be a high CLV source



The most important thing in a customer for an airline is:- **Influence** and thus a "family-loyalty" program would influence many members

