

How to use this sheet. Remember the difference between an airport's category (International, Customs, Domestic, Civil Enclave) and who runs it day to day. AAI built and often still part-owns an airport even where a private operator now handles daily operations.

Quick reference — AAI formed 1 April 1995 (AAI Act 1994), merging IAAI (1972) and NAA (1986) · Top 5 by traffic: Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai · Delhi=GMR, Mumbai=Adani, Bengaluru=Fairfax-led, Hyderabad=GMR

Section A · AAI: formation and categories

1. The Airports Authority of India was formed by merging the International Airports Authority of India with which other body?

(1) The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (2) The Ministry of Civil Aviation (3) The National Airports Authority (4) The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security

2. AAI came into being on which date?

(1) 1 January 1994 (2) 1 April 1995 (3) 15 August 1996 (4) 26 January 1997

3. The International Airports Authority of India was originally set up in which year?

(1) 1962 (2) 1972 (3) 1986 (4) 1991

4. The National Airports Authority, which later merged into AAI, was set up in which year?

(1) 1972 (2) 1980 (3) 1986 (4) 1994

5. AAI functions under which Ministry?

(1) Ministry of Home Affairs (2) Ministry of Civil Aviation (3) Ministry of Railways (4) Ministry of Defence

6. A civil enclave is best described as:

(1) An airport with no runway (2) An airport reserved only for cargo flights (3) An airport run entirely by a state government (4) A civilian terminal operating inside an airfield primarily run by the Defence forces

7. Which of AAI's four airport categories is cleared for full international passenger and cargo operations, not just limited or chartered flights?

(1) International airports (2) Customs airports (3) Domestic airports (4) Civil enclaves

8. A Customs airport differs from a full International airport in that it:

(1) Handles no passengers at all (2) Is cleared for only limited or specific international operations (3) Is always run by the military (4) Cannot handle any cargo

Section B · Busiest airports

9. India's busiest airport by passenger traffic is located in which city?

(1) Delhi (2) Mumbai (3) Bengaluru (4) Hyderabad

10. The IATA code BLR refers to the airport at:

(1) Chennai (2) Hyderabad (3) Bengaluru (4) Kolkata

11. The IATA code BOM refers to the airport at:

(1) Bengaluru (2) Mumbai (3) Bhopal (4) Bhubaneswar

12. Ranked by passenger traffic, which airport is currently India's third busiest?

(1) Chennai (2) Hyderabad (3) Bengaluru (4) Kolkata

Section C · Who runs what

13. Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport is currently operated by:

(1) The Adani Group (2) The GMR Group (3) AAI directly (4) The Tata Group

14. Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport is operated day to day by:

(1) AAI directly (2) A GMR Group-led consortium (3) The Adani Group (4) The state government of Delhi

15. Even after an airport like Delhi or Hyderabad is handed to a private operator, AAI typically:

(1) Has no further involvement of any kind (2) Takes over air traffic control duties only, with no ownership stake (3) Regains full ownership automatically after five years (4) Retains a minority ownership stake in the airport company

16. Which of the following Indian metro airports is NOT run by a private operator?

(1) Delhi (2) Mumbai (3) Bengaluru (4) Most other AAI airports besides the big four metros

17. The Adani Group's 2019 privatisation win included which of these airports, besides Mumbai?

(1) Chennai and Kolkata (2) Lucknow and Ahmedabad (3) Delhi and Hyderabad (4) Pune and Nagpur

18. Roughly what share of ownership does AAI typically retain in a privatised metro airport?

(1) 0%, a complete handover (2) Around 13% to 26% (3) Around 50% (4) Around 75%

19. The majority of AAI's roughly 137-airport network today is:

(1) Privately operated (2) Directly owned and operated by AAI (3) Run by state governments (4) Run by the Indian Air Force

20. AAI provides air navigation services (CNS/ATM) over Indian airspace and adjoining:

(1) Land borders only (2) Oceanic areas (3) Neighbouring countries' airspace directly (4) No area beyond individual airports

Answer key: 1. (3) 2. (2) 3. (2) 4. (3) 5. (2) 6. (4) 7. (1) 8. (2) 9. (1) 10. (3) 11. (2) 12. (3) 13. (1) 14. (2) 15. (4) 16. (4) 17. (2) 18. (2) 19. (2) 20. (2)

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