

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) - UPSC Notes

UN's International Civil Aviation Organization was established to achieve the sustainable growth of the global civil aviation system. Such international bodies and programmes are relevant for the [IAS exam](#). In this article, you can read all about the ICAO, its functions and India's relations with it.

International Civil Aviation Organization

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is a **specialized agency** of the [United Nations](#), established in 1944 to manage the administration and governance of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (**Chicago Convention**).

- The ICAO laid the foundation for the standards and procedures for peaceful global air navigation.
- With **193** Member States and industrial groups, the ICAO works to reach a consensus on the **Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)** and policies for international civil aviation. The SARPs are important for a safe, secure, efficient, environmentally responsible and economically sustainable civil aviation sector.
 - These SARPs and policies are used by ICAO Member States to ensure that their local civil aviation operations and regulations conform to global norms, which in turn permits more than 100,000 daily flights in aviation's global network to operate safely and reliably in every region of the world.
- The ICAO is governed by the ICAO Council, which is headed by a President.

UPSC PRELIMS FACTS - (ICAO)



Name: United Nations's International Civil Aviation Organization

Year of Formation: 1944

Headquarters: Montreal, Canada

Sector: Civil Aviation

Is India a Member: Yes

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UN's Specialized Agency

International Civil Aviation Day

The International Civil Aviation Day was first observed in 1994 under the initiation of the ICAO. It was given official UN sanction in 1996. The purpose of the day is to spread awareness about international civil aviation and its relevance to the economic and social development of countries.

International Civil Aviation Organization and India

India is one of ICAO's founder members, having attended the Chicago Convention in 1944, and has since then, been a member of the council of the ICAO, including the Provisional ICAO between 1944 and 1947. India has maintained a permanent delegation at the headquarters of the ICAO in Montreal.

ICAO - Issues in News

The recent incident of Pakistan's denial of use of its airspace to India has been taken up by the Indian Government at the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

- India sought overflight clearance from Pakistan for the Prime Minister's aircraft to go to Saudi Arabia on 28th October 2019.
- Pakistan cited alleged human rights violations in Jammu and Kashmir to deny the request.