

**“BE OUR PARTNERS IN PROGRESS” PRAFUL PATEL INVITES
GLOBAL AVIATION PLAYERS**

**“\$150 BILLION INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN INDIAN CIVIL AVIATION
SECTOR”: PRAFUL PATEL**

Montreal, 30 September: Civil Aviation Minister Shri Praful Patel invited the Canadian and global companies to engage in the spectacular growth story of India’s civil aviation sector and become ‘partners in progress’. **“Though India has achieved a lot of progress in this area in a short span of time, still we have a long way to go. Scope for working together are immense as \$150 billion worth of investment opportunities are available” he observed while addressing a meeting of top aviation players in Montreal, jointly organized by FICCI and Ministry of Civil Aviation.** Highlighting a number of growth indicators of Indian civil aviation sector, Shri Patel emphasized the need for adopting global best practices, so that the country may be equipped to handle this kind of high growth and massive expansion.

The Luncheon meeting, held on the sidelines of the ongoing 37th assembly of the ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization), was attended by a large number of leading players. Besides the Minister, it was also addressed by Giovanni Bisignani, Director General of IATA (International Air Transport Association); Dr Dinesh Keskar, Chairman of FICCI Civil Aviation Committee; and Shri S M Gavai, India’s High Commissioner to Canada.

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