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India's IndiGo takes delivery of its first A320neo

Biggest NEO customer becomes Asia's first and world's second A320neo operator

India's largest airline by passenger numbers, IndiGo has taken delivery of its first A320neo. The delivery makes IndiGo the first A320neo operator in India and in Asia.

"The A320neo aircraft will enable us to continue to offer affordable air transportation and a new flying experience for our customers. The fuel efficient aircraft will be part of a new phase of our growth and will enable us to offer more regional and international destinations at the best price," said Aditya Ghosh, President of IndiGo.

IndiGo is one of Airbus' biggest A320 Family customers having ordered 530 aircraft in total. These include 430 A320neo from orders placed in 2015 (250 A320neo) and 2011 (180 A320neo). IndiGo also placed an order in 2005 for 100 A320s which have all been delivered.

"It fills us with pride that IndiGo, India's largest airline and the biggest customer for our A320neo, has taken delivery of its first aircraft. On top of best in class operational efficiencies and environmental benefits, the A320neo will offer IndiGo's passengers unmatched comfort," said Dr. Kiran Rao, Airbus EVP Strategy and Marketing.

The A320neo "new engine option" incorporates many innovations, including latest generation engines and large Sharklet wing-tip devices, which together deliver 15 percent in fuel savings from day one and 20 per cent by 2020. This is equivalent to a reduction of 5,000 tonnes of CO2 per aircraft per year.

The A320 Family is the world's best-selling single aisle product line with nearly 12,500 orders to date and over 6,900 aircraft delivered to 300 customers and operators worldwide. Thanks to its widest cabin, all members of the A320 Family offer the industry's best level of comfort in all classes and Airbus' 18" wide seats in economy as standard.

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Photo caption from left to right:

Dr. Kiran Rao, Airbus EVP Marketing and Strategy and Captain Ashim Mittra, IndiGo VP flight Operations, at the hand-over of IndiGo's and Asia's first A320neo in Toulouse.

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