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Ankita Kumar, Partner, based out of Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co's Delhi office is part of the firm's Infrastructure, Energy and Project Finance practice group, where her practice focusses on Aviation and NewSpace Sectors.

Ankita has 16 years of very diverse and significant experience advising clients on general corporate matters, projects, M&A, joint ventures, international procurement contracts, asset finance and other commercial matters, as well as significant experience in advising on business contracts and regulatory matters in the Aviation and NewSpace sector, having spent 5 years in the award winning in-house legal team of India's leading airline, IndiGo.

In the Aviation and Aerospace sector, she has been involved in negotiation and conclusion of several aircraft operating leases, finance leases, PDP financing and other facilities and high value contracts related to Aircraft and Aircraft parts' repair and procurement, including a \$20 billion deal for selection and maintenance of jet engines, during her tenure working as in-house legal counsel at IndiGo. She has advised on commissioning and setting up of hangars, MROs and training facilities and liaised with various regulatory authorities (including the Reserve Bank of India, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and Airports Authority of India) on issues, approvals and filings related to airline operations.

In the NewSpace sector, Ankita advises blue chip Indian startups on funding and setting up manufacturing and operations of Satellite, ground stations and launch vehicles and foreign space sector companies on setting up operations in India and procurement from the Department of Space. She has also advised NSIL/ISRO on the first of its kind PPP Project for manufacturing and operation of the launch vehicle LVM3.

Ankita is also professionally certified by International Air Transport Association (IATA) in "Aircraft Acquisition and Finance".

Ankita is a member of Bar Council of Delhi. Immediately prior to joining the Firm, Ankita worked in the in-house legal team of IndiGo Airlines and prior to that at several premier law firms in India.

Location

- Delhi

Education

- B.A., LL.B., NALSAR, Hyderabad

Practices

- Infrastructure, Energy and Project Finance

Professional Membership

- Bar Council of Delhi

Awards Recognitions

- **Notable Practitioners** for Aviation by asialaw Rankings 2025

