

# Noida airport a transit hub for Asia-Pacific?

## Airlines show interest

**Noida:** Airline companies such as IndiGo and Tata Group's AirAsia, Air India and Vistara have shown interest in making the Noida international airport their transit hub for Asia-Pacific countries.

Officials said the services would focus on countries such as Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia. Officials explained that as a transit hub, international flights of these airlines would stop at the Noida airport for a few hours before taking off for their destinations.

The Noida International Airport Ltd (NIAL)—the state government's special purpose vehicle for the project—has asked the private concessionaire, Zurich AG, to carry forward the talks with the airlines.

Work on making the Noida airport a transit hub for airlines had started in June last year after a government delegation visited the Passenger Terminal Expo in Paris and the Zurich airport later to learn about best practices in the industry. **TNN**

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Subsequently, instructions were given to the private concessionaire to work towards developing the airport as a transit hub for the Asia-Pacific. "Looking at the possibilities in Noida, several airlines have approached the developer company with requests to make the airport their transit hub. The utility of the airport will increase manifold as many flights will stop here before flying to their final destinations. This will not only increase footfall but also the revenue," NIAL CEO Arun Vir Singh said.