

# Mega Olympic Park to come up near Noida airport with 29 sporting arenas

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**Noida:** UP has drawn up the first contours of an ambitious Olympic Park near the upcoming Noida International Airport, whose development will match the country's infrastructure ambitions as it seeks a larger place for itself in global affairs and comes close on the heels of the Centre expressing its intent to throw an Indian city's hat into the ring to host the world's biggest sporting event in 2036.

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of the two components of the park will be an Olympic City that will take up the lion's share of the park's area — 965 acres — earmarked for the park, with 29 arenas dedicated to different Olympic sports to be built there. It is proposed to have sports clubs, training and coaching cent-

res, convention centres, malls and theme parks.

Also proposed is an Olympic Village that will come up on 130 acres and have 5,000 housing units, primarily 3&4-BHK flats. The residential enclave will be designed to provide accommodation to participants and others associated with sporting events. Officials said the development plan of the Olympic Park was not likely to match with a 2036 timeline for hosting the Games, should India indeed go for it, but the facility would be on a par with the best in the world when it comes up.

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